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More money for McKinley may be on deck



Scott Cousins photo

Cars go through the toll plaza at the McKinley Bridge in Venice. Already slated for \$11 million in renovations, that number could go up to \$20 million if Mayor Tyrone Echols' plan is successful.

Funds would repay bonds, aid repairs

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols said he is considering a plan to borrow up to \$15 million to pay off the outstanding bond debt on the McKinley Bridge and make additional improvements.

That money would be in addition to about \$11 million in state and federal funds earmarked for bridge repairs over the next five years.

"What we're looking at is attempting to refinance the outstanding bonds, but in the process, the ideal situation would be to get enough to do some further work on the bridge," Echols said after Tuesday's city council meeting.

By refinancing and combining with state and federal funds, Echols said they could do about \$20 million worth of renovations.

Approximately \$4.3 million in outstanding bonds will come due on Oct. 1. Bridge officials have said previously that because of increased spending on repairs, there is no way they can make that payment, and the bonds will be in

default for at least six years.

That is nothing new for the bridge, which was purchased by the city in 1967.

"Who knows what their idea was," said Echols, who was first elected mayor in 1979. "Apparently, the politicians at that time wanted to keep the ownership of the bridge here. When I came, the albatross was there."

He said bonds — two issues, the "A" series and "B" series — for the bridge had been in default since at least 1969. Since 1980, he said they had been able to pay off the "A" bonds, but the "B" bonds were still outstanding.

"The reason for it, so much money is being pumped into maintenance and engineering, the operating cost, that there was nothing left to pay the debt," he said.

As an example, he said at Tuesday's meeting the council approved more than \$80,000 in bills for iron work on the bridge — normal maintenance.

"That's one reason why most of the default that has taken place during my tenure, most of

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Sides vying for residents

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Mitchell — Madison County Board battle may be over, but the struggle for unincorporated residents has heated up.

Granite City Mayor Ron Selph is circulating a flier to residents in unincorporated portions of Madison County who need to decide their future status — chose to annex into Granite City, incorporate into Mitchell or remain unincorporated.

In Selph's letter to unincorporated residents, he said Granite City has always respected people's rights to remain free of any municipal government, and that the city never forces annexation on people who don't want it.

On July 15, the County Board approved Mitchell's 7.28-square-mile map, clearing way for Mitchell supports to convince a judge to place their incorporation question on the ballot. The initiative would need only a simple majority for passage.

"If it gets on the ballot in April, because of the large number of voters in the

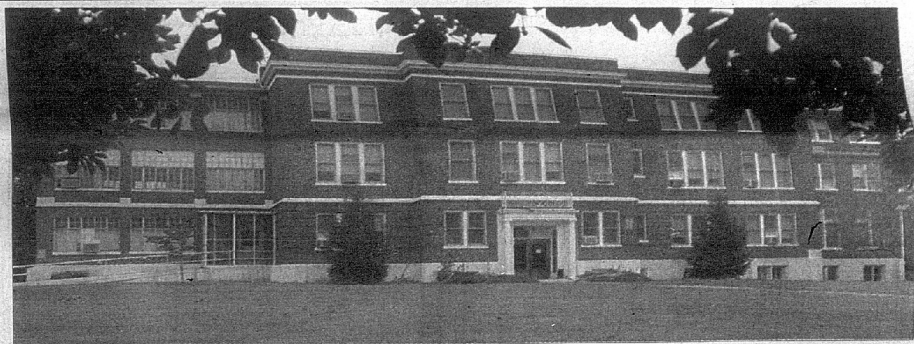
"I am offering you a chance to join Granite City, an established city with more than 100 years of tradition, rather than take your chances on Mitchell, a newly formed village with no history of services or established leadership."

Mayor Ron Selph
In a letter to unincorporated residents

Historic Mitchell area, there is a very good chance you will be voted into Mitchell, whether you want to be a part of Mitchell or not," Selph wrote.

Because there is a strong possibility unincorporated residents will become part of a municipality, Selph says they should be given a clear choice of which municipality they can join.

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The Madison County Nursing Home in Edwardsville has become a prominent topic of discussion.

John Swistak Jr. photo

Treasurer wants look at books

Tucker: Audit may reveal funds to keep homes open

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Madison County Treasurer Wes Tucker called Wednesday for an independent audit of the financial statements of the

county's nursing and sheltered care homes.

However, County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said he won't allow the issue to come before the board, and County Auditor Fred Bathon, Tucker's opponent in the November elections, belittled the initiative as a "political football."

In a press conference, Tucker said he wrote to Papa asking that the board vote to hire an independent auditor to see whether there is enough funding to keep the homes open.

Tucker cited the disparity between the financial audits of

Bathon and those of Curt Reckmann, an accountant from Edwardsville.

"We need an independent voice to clear up the confusion here," Tucker said. "That's why I'm calling on the County

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By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A \$3 million appropriation ordinance was approved by the Venice City Council Tuesday.

The regular council meeting was held at the Venice Recreation Center because the city hall council chambers air conditioning does not work.

The appropriations ordinance — which

sets the legal limit the city can spend for the fiscal year from May 1, 1998, to April 30, 1999 — is not much different from last year's appropriations, said Mayor Tyrone Echols.

Appropriations ordinances are set higher than intended expenditures to take care of unexpected emergencies or take advantage of unexpected windfalls.

Police, streets and alleys, garbage collection and fire protection take up most

of the appropriations.

"The total appropriated for the police department and the police pension fund is \$545,476. Most of that, \$324,000, is for salaries."

Streets and alleys appropriations total \$413,640.

Other major appropriations were fire

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Business move provides homecoming for area couple

By Larry Ingram
Correspondent

For Norville E. and Margaret M. Baker, the choice to locate their business in Granite City was both a sentimental and a practical one.

"Norville and I are both born and raised in Granite City," Margaret Baker said. "That is part of the reason why we came back. It's our hometown."

The Bakers, both longtime residents, have moved the offices of their business, Nebco Steel Erectors Inc., to 2001 Adams St.

"We started our business one year ago on June 1, 1997, and we were working out of our home in Columbia," she said. "Our business grew rather quickly, so we needed to locate office and warehouse space."

Through their contacts with Granite City business people, the Bakers were able to secure their present location. "The building was perfect for our needs here in downtown Granite

City," she said. "We deal with many contractors in the area on a regular basis, so it has worked out very well for us."

The newly founded company counts many large steel erection jobs in the area to its credit. Nebco completed the steel structure for the Dial Center at Interstate 270 and Illinois 111 and the Walgreens distribution center in Mt. Vernon.

They also just finished a metal building in South Roxana for Gemini. "And we will be starting a job in

Dupo for ARCO and working on the Columbia High School addition and the junior high school," Baker said.

Although Nebco employees have numbered as high as 55 — for a recent job in Joliet — the company currently employs 28 people. While Nebco mostly works on steel erection and metal buildings, they can also erect steel bleachers like those at Gateway International Raceway, she said. Norville Baker worked on Gateway's 25,000-seat bleacher complex while working for S.B.I. Steel Erectors.

He has 35 years experience in the steel erection business and is the president and secretary of Nebco Steel Erectors. Margaret Baker retired from her position as vice president of Magna Bank in Granite City in January 1986 with 29 years of experience with the bank. She is now president and treasurer of their new Granite City company.

"We are proud of the fact that we are able to relocate our office here in Granite City since this is the area where we grew up and worked," Baker said.

Sides vying for residents

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"I am offering you a chance to join Granite City, an established city with more than 100 years of tradition, rather than take your chances on Mitchell, a newly formed village with no history of services or established leadership," he wrote.

Those wanting to annex into Granite City must initiate the process with Economic Development Director Dan Brown before Aug. 1 because after the Mitchell petition is filed in court, no one in the incorporation area can annex into the city until that matter is settled.

Selph continues by saying Granite City has much to offer, including a highly trained, 55-member police department; a 57-person, full-time fire department with five pumpers and one aerial pumper in three houses; 31 emergency-trained paramedics and EMTs with four ambulances available around the clock; and a 30-person, full-time street department.

Ron Trimmer of the Mitchell Incorporation Committee said Mitchell is filling in the blanks on Granite's fier.

For example, the village of Mitchell would have access to at least one Madison County Sheriff's Department officer per shift plus the backup of the whole department. Fire protection would come from both the Mitchell and Long Lake volunteer departments, which have mutual assistance agreements. Ambulance service is contracted from Abbott, plus both Mitchell and Long Lake departments have trained EMTs.

Mitchell residents could also join in the Granite City Park District or form their own, Trimmer said. Large trash removal comes through townships, residents can contract for regular trash removal on a twice-a-week basis and animal control is provided through the county.

The average resident's annual tax in Granite City would be \$288.82, while Mitchell's would be \$150.27, for a difference of \$138.55, Selph wrote.

"We believe Mitchell will be unable to keep their rate this low, which means Mitchell taxes could greatly increase in the near future," he wrote.

However, Trimmer said the .3500 figure Granite City used for Mitchell's rate is inaccurate because it's based on a mistake incorporators made when figuring the budget.

"(It should be) zero, because Mitchell would not impose a tax rate," Trimmer said, and would operate on taxes already received, such as property tax and some taxes taken in by townships that no longer would go to the county.

Ken Davis, Nameoki Township supervisor, said another bit of information is missing from the debate. Township officials want residents to have all the information possible at their disposal before making a decision.

"The filer does not mention that Granite City, Pontoon Beach and Edwardsville will stage a legal fight to Mitchell's request to get on the ballot," he said.

"Also they have examples of what tax increases people will get (if they annex or incorporate). It doesn't mention that staying where they are won't cost them anything more," he said.

Nothing would change for people that chose to remain unincorporated, he said. Nameoki Township has tried to help out residents, though. The Township decreased taxes by 16 percent in 1997 to save taxpayers some money, he said.

"The biggest concern, taxes going up, is why they want to remain unincorporated," Davis said. "Anyone who is concerned about incorporation should call the Mitchell headquarters at 931-8766 or call 452-6215 for questions on annexation into Granite City."

Screwdriver used in alleged robbery

Police seek charges against 2 men; victim unharmed

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison police are seeking armed robbery charges against two Fairmont City men who allegedly threatened a man with a screwdriver and stole

\$100.

Adolfo Varela, 23, and Raul Marquez, 24, both of the 2500 block of North 36th Street, were in custody at the Madison jail as of Friday morning.

At the same time, Madison officers

were meeting with Madison County State's Attorney's officials over felony charges.

In addition to charges being sought, Varela has been charged with illegal transportation of alcohol, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and having no valid drivers license, while Marquez has been charged with illegal transportation of alcohol.

According to police reports, at about 1:56 a.m., two officers on patrol were flagged down by the alleged victim, a 20-year-old Madison man.

The victim said he had met the two at a

local convenience store and got in their car with them to take them to an address he knew.

He was driven to Beckwith, where the two told him to get out of the car. Varela allegedly showed a screwdriver into the victim's ribs and took approximately \$100.

The two suspects were arrested after being spotted by police and identified by the victim as they were standing in front of a car in the 2000 block of Beckwith.

Both the screwdriver and cash were recovered at the scene.

Briefly

Shelters offered

Temporary cooling shelters are now available to residents in case of power losses in Granite City.

Elderly or ill residents in need of air conditioning during a possible blackout can seek cool shelter at three locations: Brown Recreation Center, at Pontoon and Franklin; the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall, 2009 Delmar; and Fire Station 1, 2300 Madison Ave.

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'Small-town official' running for state treasurer

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Dan McLaughlin, candidate for state treasurer, has a small problem.

"I'm in a very odd spot. I'm in southwest Cook County and Will County. Everybody downstate considers me a Chicago guy and everybody in Chicago considers me downstate," he said.

The Democrat candidate from outside the Chicago area visited Belleville, Edwardsville and Alton on Wednesday, when he made himself available to media and residents who know little about him or the race for state treasurer.

McLaughlin believes his background in a small town will appeal to downstate voters. Mayor of Orland Park since 1991, McLaughlin decided to run for state treasurer because he believed he could make a real difference in that

office.

"When my opponent in this race came in, she cut the link deposit program by two-thirds, so it's not much of a program anymore," he said. Link deposit is a program where the treasurer takes state funds and deposits them in local community banks for loans on low interest rates for specific reasons, such as business loans for women or first-time homebuyers.

"It sounds corny, but I'm not running for this office to push paper around. I like to help people," he said. "I enjoy helping people and getting things done... and I'd like to do the same thing with the treasurer's office."

As the chief financial officer of the state, he said he would be more proactive in being a "citizen's advocate" on financial matters.

For example, on the East coast, some credit card

companies charge customers a penalty for paying their bills on time, a trend probably coming to Illinois in the near future.

"So you're going to get hit with a penalty if you pay your bill late. Now you're going to get hit with a penalty if you pay your bill on time, too," he said. "I think it's ridiculous, and those are the kinds of things people can't defend themselves against on their own."

McLaughlin supports a bill in the legislature that would make it illegal for credit card companies in Illinois charging penalties for those who are fiscally responsible.

Also as a citizen's advocate, he would help deal with the federal legislation calling for direct deposit of social security and other checks. Many people, including seniors and veterans on disability, live from check to check, he said, and don't even have a checking account. Having direct deposit would mean they would have to open one, and

be subject to banks fees that would eat up their income.

McLaughlin would encourage banks to offer free accounts to those who need it, and those banks would be on the state's list for deposit of funds. He would also want to upgrade and modernize the computer system in the treasurer's office.

He also wants to form an investment advisory board comprised of financial professors, bankers, stock brokers, managers of mutual funds and other financial experts to work with the treasurer on staying current on trends and products in the financial world.

McLaughlin's record as a small-town mayor and village trustee speaks of fiscal responsibility and know-how, he said. For the past five years in a row, he said, Orland Park has had a balanced budget, and will most likely have one this year.

McLaughlin doesn't have his sights set anywhere but the treasurer's office.

"Experience is in the eye of



From left, Dan McLaughlin, candidate for state treasurer, stands with fellow Democrats Mike Holiday Jr., head of the Young Democrats of Madison County, and Mark Von Nida, Madison County Clerk. McLaughlin was in Edwardsville Wednesday while on the campaign trail.

the beholder," he said. "My experience in government, what I've done in Orland Park, is one I think people would relate to," he said.

"Increasing services, increasing the size of the police force and reducing the size of the tax levy are some things I think people appreciate."

"I don't think they appreciate the state treasurer (writing off) \$30 million of a \$40 million debt," he said, referring to incumbent Judy Baar Topinka's deal with hotel developers.

"I've been getting a good reception around the state," he said. Last week the State Federation of Labor endorsed his candidacy.

"I think people will look at the fact that I'm a Democrat elected in a Republican area, I'm a businessman with a lot of labor support. I think I've shown I can work with both sides of issues and get things done," he said.

He is married to Pat McLaughlin, and they have four children: Bridget, Mary Kate, Matt and Danny.

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Group lends ears to area hungry

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Hungry area residents visiting food banks will soon sink their teeth into corn. The United States Department of Agriculture is providing surplus crops of sweet corn, beans and potatoes to area food banks. The latest distribution was Tuesday at the Glen-Ed Party, 337 S. Main in Edwardsville.

Food pantries receiving boxes of the fresh corn included Protestant Welfare, the Salvation Army of Southwest Illinois and the Jesus Place Mission, all located in Granite City.

"We give it to the people who come to pick up food (the ones) who have nothing to eat," said Hector Mendoza, who came to Edwardsville to pick up the corn for Protestant Welfare. "There's a lot who have no food."

Ray Givlio of the USDA said the corn came from Mason County. Last week, boxes of beans were given out, he said, and soon they plan to distribute potatoes. "The USDA has a new mission to feed the hungry ... in providing surplus food to people who need it," he said.

He said in August the USDA would cooperate with area youth groups in picking



Scott Kelly photo
Lisa Henke of Madison County Community Development helps load boxes of corn onto a Salvation Army van.

apples and peaches at farms in Marine and Godfrey for the same type of distribution.

Lisa Henke of Madison County Community Development coordinated the distribution, which included volunteers from Central Illinois Food Bank in Springfield and boxes for the corn donated by U-Haul.

There were 82 boxes in all, she said, which equaled between 2,000 to 3,000 pounds

of corn.

"We expected a lot more," Henke said. "But some of it sat around too long and rotted. Because of the heat it (went) bad, and they had to throw a lot of it away."

Pantries receiving the food, in addition to those named above, include Operation Blessing in Wood River, Crisis Food Center in Alton, Community Hope and the Riverbend Adventist Center in Alton.

Obituaries

Walter Labanosky

WALTER V. "WHITTY" LABANOSKY, 86, of Granite City died Friday, July 24, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.



Mr. Labanosky was born Nov. 27, 1911, in Venice. He was retired from Granite City Steel as a crane operator. Survivors include his step-son, Don Halbert of Noblesville, Ind., one step-daughter, Shirley Byrd of Granite City; one sister, Frances Friedrich of Fairview Heights; four grandchildren, Brad Halbert of Cicero, Ind., Jesse Byrd of Collinsville, Noel Madala of Columbia, Joseph Byrd of Granite City; and two great-grandchildren, Tyler Halbert of Cicero, Ind., and Alex Parker of Collinsville.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, July 26, at Irwin Chapel, 3560 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, July 27, at Irwin Chapel, 3560 Maryville Road, Granite City. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Mr. Simpson was born Aug. 22, 1902, in Princeton, Ind. Survivors include her sons, Earl Carly of Madison and William Carly of Mountain Grove, Mo.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Simpson; mother, Ida Mae (Newberry) Adkins; one

daughter, Dorothy Boyer; one step-son, Jack Simpson; one grandson, "Sonny" Sherman; three sisters and three brothers. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, July 26, at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City. Services will be 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Brian Caughlan officiating. Burial will be in the Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Chalmer Tucker

CHALMER M. TUCKER, 89, of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, July 20, 1998, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mr. Tucker was born Sept. 4, 1908, in Farber, Mo. He had worked for Granite City as a teacher/coach, Washington and Venice elementary as a teacher/coach, and a comptroller with the federal government. Mr. Tucker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby (Freeman) Tucker; one son, Charles

Tucker of Edwardsville; one daughter, Merna Davis of Edwardsville.

One stepson, William Freeman of Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren: Patsy Tucker, Cindy Musterman, David Karoly, and Angie Terrill; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Erna (Thillman) Tucker; and parents, Charles and Ida (Burford) Tucker.

Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Irwin-Scott Chapel, 591 Glen Crossing Road, Glen Carbon.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Irwin-Scott Chapel in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Donald Stratton officiating. The remains were cremated.

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Board to commission an independent audit before the final decision to close the (homes) moves forward.

"It's unconscionable that such a serious decision affecting hundreds of patients and their families, as well as staff, be based on faulty numbers. The county should move immediately to get to the bottom of the discrepancy in numbers and should make the facts known to county taxpayers."

The board voted 15-12 in April to close the homes. The Planning Board is scheduled to vote on whether to issue permits to close the homes Aug. 13 or 14.

Robert Stille, a County Board member who voted to keep the homes open, said, "I feel if there's a discrepancy, it should be brought out. I think the (call for an independent) audit should be approved."

Papa said later Wednesday the board will not vote on Tucker's proposal.

"If (Tucker) wants a report, he should go to the county auditor's office and look at it," he said. "It would be a waste of taxpayers' money to do an independent audit because we just had one done."

As required by state statutes, the county does its own audit and also has an independent audit done each year by the international accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick. The two homes' finances are part of that audit, officials said.

Batho said he thinks the request is political maneuvering. Tucker is a Republican who will run against Batho, a Democrat, for county treasurer in November.

"Why would (Tucker) call for something we're doing every year?" Batho said in response to Tucker's announcement. "The County Board has a contract with one of the most respected accounting firms in the world."

"The County Board's

decision to close these facilities is a very sensitive issue for every one involved. I, personally, am very sorry that (Tucker's) turned this issue into a political football."

Batho said he's in the process of writing a letter to Papa and the board addressing his audit of the homes. Reckmann's report was based on Batho's projections of how much money would be in the fund for each year since 1990. Reckmann said the discrepancy between the projections and the actual numbers for the fund defied logic.

"These projections, with whatever underlying facts or assumptions used to extrapolate these projections, were clearly wrong," he said. Reckmann has 17 years of tax accounting experience and has compiled the report for the past three months for the County Homes Action Committee, a grass-roots group trying to keep the homes opened.

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Officials: Runners, theft may be taking toll on funds

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Venice city officials still are trying to deal with toll problems at the McKinley Bridge.

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At Tuesday's Council meeting, Mayor Tyrone Echols said the bridge may be losing as much as \$150,000 per year to toll runners and "shortages."

"The reports I'm getting, there may be theft and toll running," he said. "Maybe I shouldn't say that — shortages would be a better word."

Bridge consultant Tom Fields said the major problem was toll-runners in the automatic collection lanes.

He said toll-runners could be costing the bridge as much as \$500 per day.

"Without any gates and without any enforcement, the temptation is out there to run it," he said.

"We suspect that the people who run it on Monday are also going to do it on Tuesday and Wednesday," he said. "And it's like a cancer too. If Mr. A announces that he is not paying, the temptation is for Mr. B to run it too."

Fields said they were taking

"Without any gates and without any enforcement, the temptation is out there to run it."

Tom Fields
Bridge consultant

steps to bring down the number of toll-runners. "I talked with the police chief about two weeks ago, we're going to get new machines in here by the end of the month," he said. "This will make it much easier to determine who is running toll, and if the police department

wants to set up something, this would be the time to do it." He said the fine for running the toll is between \$50-\$500. However, Fields added that he did not think stricter enforcement would bring in the full amount.

"I suspect we will just chase these people away to another bridge," he said.

Fields said employee theft is also a concern.

"In any business that is

intensely cash, it's always going to have the spectre of employee theft," he said. Closed-circuit cameras were installed in the toll booths some time ago. The cameras were installed partially for the safety of toll collectors, but also to help spot toll runners and deter theft.

After the cameras were installed, there were some initial problems — some toll collectors reportedly hung their hats over the cameras but Echols said they have been at least partially successful. Echols said the cameras appear to have cut the "shortages," but added more had to be done.

The city is looking into the use of computers to track bridge traffic and tolls.

Money may be on deck for area bridge

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the money has been put into safety," Echols said.

At the recommendation of consulting engineers, the city has doubled both the repair crews and inspection crews for the bridge.

"That's another \$700,000 expense altogether, money that presumably could have went toward retiring the bonds, but you have to keep the bridge afloat," he said.

He said there are two advantages to renovating the bridge.

First, by making the repairs, the monthly maintenance would drastically be reduced.

Second, tolls could be increased, providing more revenue to pay off the debt.

In the past, Echols had proposed raising tolls, especially for the tractor-trailer trucks that did most of the damage to the bridge deck.

"They're the ones who do the most damage, so they should do the most paying," he said. "But it wasn't realistic to raise tolls when the bridge wasn't in optimum shape."

The first step would be a traffic study.

"No matter who's going to get involved, we have to have the traffic study," he said.

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Permit approved for senior apartment complex in TIF district

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Plans for a senior citizen apartment complex in the city of Venice's tax increment financing district — stalled since early 1995 — appear to be moving again.

At Tuesday's meeting, the Venice City Council approved a building permit for a \$4.1 million, 100-unit housing complex at 814 S. Fourth St., near the Venice Homes area.

The city set up a TIF district along South Fourth Street several years ago, but there has been no

development in the area.

In a TIF district, the property taxes received by governmental bodies are frozen, and any increase in property tax revenue because of development is set aside for use within the district. Uses can include infrastructure such as roads and

sewers, or abatements or reimbursements to the developer for approved expenses.

Linnell Johnson of Johnson Development Co. in Edwardsville had proposed a senior citizen apartment complex in early 1995 and had taken out a building permit at that time,

but the project stalled.

"It looks like the project is on again," Mayor Tyrone Echols said. Echols told them the original building permit had expired, and they needed to make sure they had proper permits.

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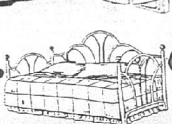
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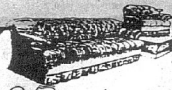
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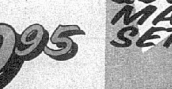
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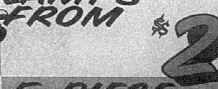
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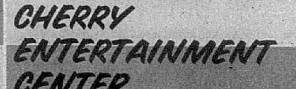
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Council approves \$3M purse

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department, \$138,050; garbage collection, \$243,100; public library, \$184,450; tax increment financing district, \$100,000; harbors and terminals, \$500,000; pension funds, \$105,000; liability insurance, \$315,000; and health insurance, \$200,000.

Before the regular meeting, a public hearing was held on the appropriations ordinance. Nobody spoke at the hearing, and there were no questions.

Echols also told the council that he is talking to the city of Madison about using their street department workers for demolitions within Venice.

He said Madison has been waging an aggressive campaign to tear down derelict houses.

Contestants sought

Contestants are actively being sought for the Mrs. Illinois United Nation Pageant, according to pageant director Mollie Jones-Baker. Married women from across Illinois will compete January 16-17 in Carleville at John A. Logan College for the title of Mrs. Illinois United Nation 1999.

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SVT Cobra is a Mustang with manners



By Tom Strongman

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Ford's SVT Mustang Cobra always has been an animal apart from its parents, the ballet dancer from a family of weight lifters. Strong, yes, but refined instead of brutal.

It shares the basics with the Mustang GT — body, wheelbase, 4.6-liter V-8 — but gets twin overhead camshafts instead of one, 32 valves instead of 16 and 305 horsepower instead of 225. Brakes are huge, 13-inch discs in front, 11.65-inches in the rear, and they stop this pony the way an arresting cable of an aircraft carrier snags the tail hook of a fighter plane.

The suspension has been softened up to be more supple, thus forgiving, in the daily hustle and bustle of city streets that are far from being as smooth as proving ground test tracks.

In other words, in spite of the Cobra's greater power, it lives easier in the real world because of a supple ride and powerful brakes.

The Cobra is a product of Ford's Special Vehicle Team (SVT), a small, in-house group of go-fast folks who turn standard products into limited-production vehicles targeted at driving enthusiasts who might

otherwise choose a European-style sports sedan.

SVT also produces a hot Contour and is working on a version of the F-150 pickup truck for next spring. Less than 10,000 Cobras are scheduled for worldwide sale. Fewer than 700 of the 4,200 Ford dealers sell SVT models. To find the one nearest you, call 1-800-FORD-SVT.

You have to look hard to tell the SVT Cobra from the garden-variety Mustang GT. The key difference is a set of 17-inch diameter, five-spoke alloy wheels shod with Bridgestone Comp T/A tires. The slender-spoke wheels not only save weight but show off the big brakes lurking underneath. The trunk-lid spoiler and tail light lenses also are unique to the Cobra, as are the tiny, snake medallions that grace the fenders behind the front wheels.

Each all-aluminum Cobra engine is hand-assembled by one of 12 two-person teams in Ford's Romeo, Mich., engine plant. This engine generates a tad over 300 horsepower. Nudge the throttle and it responds like a thoroughbred that can't wait to get out of the barn. Give it free rein and it gallops through the gears quickly.

SVT's technical data indicate 60 mph comes up in 5.9 seconds, and that the top speed of 152 mph is attained in fourth gear, rather than fifth, which is an overdrive. Some mid-range grunt is sacrificed in the name of fuel economy, which is why the rear axle ratio is a 3.27.

Clutch effort was noticeable while waiting through stop lights, but it engaged smoothly in concert with a gearshift linkage that felt lighter and more precise than any Mustang I have driven.

SVT retunes suspension for a more compliant ride, which results in better handling because the wheels stay in contact with the pavement. It seemed to me, however, the rear axle of the test car seemed jumpier than other Cobras I have driven in prior years. The revamped 1999 Cobra is rumored to have an independent rear suspension that should cure the problem.

Inside, the SVT Cobra has white-faced gauges and sport bucket seats that were covered in black leather in our test car, which was painted Bright Atlantic Blue, a new color for 1999. While the seats have good lateral support, the backrest never quite felt right to me because the upper part of the seat seemed too far from my neck and shoulders.

The rest of the interior is basic Mustang, and it is starting to show its age. The radio is due for replacement because it uses an old, small-button design. The cup holders are not very convenient. The seat belt is small, but that is par for most muscle cars.

But let's face it, the folks who buy this car don't care about the back seat except as a place for their briefcase or grocery bags. What they want is what they get: neck-snapping acceleration, sharp handling, excellent brakes and sharp looks for a reasonable price. The next-generation Mustang is just around the corner, and it will address many of this model's idiosyncrasies.

The base price of our test car was \$25,630. Options included leather seats, anti-theft system, Mach 400 stereo and rear spoiler.

The sticker price, including delivery, was \$27,390. The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Points & Plugs

Auto industry keep expanding globally

By Rick Storr

The staff at the Fenton Bar & Grill should be learning to speak German. And maybe Japanese, too. With the merger of Chrysler Corp. and Daimler-Benz, the Fenton, Mo., truck and van assembly plants now are part of an empire that stretches halfway around the globe. Some industry analysts believe the German-American car and truck manufacturer eventually will have a Japanese partner, too, as excess plant capacity and economies of scale lead to more strategic alliances.

But Chrysler and Daimler-Benz, which builds the Mercedes-Benz vehicle lines, are far from the first international partners in the auto business. Looking at a roster of today's interlocking ownerships, it appears multiple-language skills already are a necessity for upwardly mobile auto engineers and executives.

Before the recent merger, Chrysler owned subsidiary operations in Mexico, Europe, Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil. General Motors and Ford have significant operations in Europe. Ford also owns Aston-Martin and Jaguar, and a big piece of Mazda, Saab, Opel and Vauxhall are GM subsidiaries.

BMW of Germany recently lost in a bidding war to acquire Rolls-Royce, but it does own Land Rover. Rolls-Royce was purchased by Volkswagen, which already had Audi, Seat and Skoda in its lineup.

A couple of other European car giants own multiple nameplates, too. Fiat controls Alfa-Romeo, Ferrari, Lancia and Maserati. And who would guess that Renault owns Mack Truck and Daimler-Benz owns Freightliner?

Many manufacturers operate plants abroad. BMW, Mitsubishi, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Subaru, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo operate plants in Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

Ford plants built nearly 1.6 million vehicles in Western Europe last year, while General Motors built nearly 1.9 million cars and trucks there. Honda, Nissan and Toyota built about half a million vehicles in Europe.

And everybody is trying to figure out how to establish footholds in the huge Chinese market and the former components of the Soviet Union.

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Blues or Smithsonian museum touted for Kiel

Arts community prefers performing center

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

Members of the St. Louis arts community said last week that a blues and jazz hall of fame or a museum in the Kiel Opera House are not acceptable ways to revitalize the closed landmark.

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They clashed with a panel of outside experts who said returning the performing hall to its former use was unfeasible. Instead, members of the Urban Planning Institute (UPI) suggest the five-decade old facility be modified to

accommodate either a Smithsonian museum or a blues and jazz hall of fame.

However, many in the arts community think those options are not any more viable than reviving Kiel's role as a performing arts center.

"I'm not aware how this will work," said Pat Rich, president of the Arts and Education Council. Jeff Stewart, of the Windsor Theatre Group, echoed her statements.

"It would be a great shame to ruin it as a performing arts center," he said. The team of experts was hired for

\$75,000 by a 38-member city committee studying the Kiel project and established by Comptroller Darlene Green. Clark Enterprises, formerly Kiel Center Partners, and owners of the facility, helped pay for the panel's input.

UPI studied data from St. Louis for several weeks and spent nearly three days interviewing the players and touring Downtown and performance venues. Now the committee must review the panel's findings, Green said.

Panelist Robert Bailey, a California planner and researcher, said St. Louis does not have the population or tourists to support another performance center. Such an addition to the landscape could harm the Grand Center and Fox Theatre as well as the proposed center at the

University of Missouri-St. Louis campus in Normandy, he said. "We think it puts a Grand Center at risk," he said. "This \$50 million performing arts center (at UMSL) needs to be given a chance to succeed or fail."

Two alternatives could be the museum and hall of fame, the panel said. The Smithsonian idea is already being touted by a local group and also calls for the use of other buildings.

The blues and jazz hall of fame, which the panel pushed most, would tie into the city's rich musical heritage, which includes Miles Davis and Scott Joplin.

"These uses have to be economically viable," developer Ranne Warner said. Preliminary figures show it could cost \$9 million

to renovate Kiel for a museum or the hall of fame. The group suggested ownership of the Kiel should go to a trust fund, made up of city, civic and development leaders who would contribute a total of \$25 million. That would aid this project, whatever the option, and other efforts in Downtown, they said.

The panel's chair, Charles Kendrick, was not surprised by the resistance to UPI's suggestions.

"It's a perfectly normal human reaction to want to not keep something the same," he said. Maureen McAvay, director of the St. Louis Development Corporation, said leadership must be found for any Kiel effort to get off the ground.

"Without support, none of this will happen," she said.

Country star mines area talent

Students perform during Shania Twain concert

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

Chad Somers played Shania Twain's "What Made You Say That" over and over, but not because he was pining for love.

Somers was cramming to learn the song so he could sing it during Twain's recent Riverport performance. "My dad bought the CD that morning," said Somers, a seventh-grader at Hazelwood Junior High. "I was just listening to it all morning, then I memorized it."

When Somers arrived for the sound check, a bass player in Twain's band helped him nail down the melodies.

Somers, who was fresh from a gig with the children's choir in the Mundy production of the "Radio City" Rockettes, was the only student to perform a solo. However, 13 others, either students or 1989 graduates of Hazelwood Central High School, also performed.

Shannon Deforest, Bryan Hake, Emily

"People were coming up to us when we were going back to our seats, and they were like 'you guys were great.' It was kind of neat for people to recognize us."

Rich Strathmann
1998 graduate of Hazelwood Central

Kirkland, Tiffany Lanzafame, Lauren Payton, Stephanie Ross, Ben Somers, Lyndsay Somers and Rich Strathmann sang backup vocals on "God Bless the Child." Sean Hook, Jill Maddox, Jeremy West and Preston Williams played drums.

Steve Berry, Central's drama teacher, works during summers as a head rigger at Riverport. Berry was asked to round up young singers and drummers for the show.

"It gave the kids an opportunity to do

something they'll never forget," Berry said. "It was exciting. They all did real well."

The Riverport staff and audience treated the young performers like stars. "They had their own dressing room," Berry said. "And that was a big deal."

"People were coming up to us when we were going back to our seats," said Rich Strathmann, a 1998 graduate of Central, "and they were like 'you guys were great.' It was kind of neat for people to recognize us."

When Chad Somers was singing the crowd was really getting into it.

Strathmann in the fall plans to study pre-medicine at Saint Louis University and is considering a music major as well.

"So I can be like a singing doctor," Strathmann said.

Somers also is considering a career in medicine although he does not deny the lure of a career in performing arts. "I think it would be a lot of fun," Somers said.

Students to take to sea for historic commissioning

St. Louis high school students to stay on USS Truman as part of trip

By Heather Cole
Staff writer

Some local students have Charles Lindbergh to thank for their trip to the commissioning of the USS Truman in Norfolk, Va.

The students, 10 Sea Cadets sponsored by the St. Louis Naval League Council, and seven ROTC students from Cleveland High School, a magnet school in St. Louis

are part of a group of approximately 100 students from Missouri who attended the commissioning ceremony for the aircraft carrier.

One other group of students came from the Jefferson City area, and another from the Kansas City area. The students will stay on board the ship for three nights.

The carrier was commissioned Saturday.

Peter Nikolaissen, of Chesterfield, chairman of the commissioning committee, said a trip to the St. Louis riverfront in 1927, when he was a student, inspired him to invite the students.

"I was invited to watch a man fly by between the (Municipal and Eads) bridges," Nikolaissen said. "He came and flew by in his little silver monoplane. It was Lindbergh returning from Paris."

"Here we have this ship we're putting together, with 6,000 crew members, four elevators — it's gargantuan," he said. "And kids can visit and understand that and see the thing float."

The USS Truman, named after Missouri native and former president Harry S. Truman, is the latest nuclear powered carrier to be built for the U.S. Navy. Construction started more

than five years ago and cost more than \$2 billion. It will be in service for 50 years.

Gov. Mel Carnahan appointed civic leaders from all over the state to serve on the commissioning committee for the ship. The committee was responsible for raising money for amenities for the crew, which the Navy did not provide.

The committee raised almost \$1 million in items including a Distance Learning Center, where crew members can earn college credit; books and other reference materials for the on-board library; a gym; and the Truman Room, for receiving visiting dignitaries. About \$15,000 of the money raised will go to help 100 Missouri school children attend the commissioning and stay on the ship.

The students received free food and lodging at Fort Knox, Ky., on the way to and from the commissioning, and on the ship at the commissioning.

Matthew Furquan, 16, a Navy ROTC cadet from St. Louis, said he was looking forward to the trip.

"It will let me know what it's like to actually be on a ship," Furquan said.

Furquan said he enjoys attending Cleveland High School, though originally he wanted to attend Soudan International Studies High School in St. Louis, and wasn't accepted.

"I had no choice. I didn't want to go (to Cleveland High School), but once I got into it, I could see the opportunities in going into service," Furquan said.

Furquan said he has applied for Navy ROTC scholarships and an appointment at the U.S.

Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

"It would be nice if I got to be commissioned to be on that ship (USS Truman)," Furquan said. "I don't expect to, but I would like to."

Navy Capt. James S. Farrar, a naval science instructor at Cleveland, said the students who attended the commissioning ceremony are at the top of their classes.

"The seven kids are a really wonderful bunch of young people," Farrar said. "They are top cadets who were selected to leadership positions... based on leadership, academics, record of attendance."

"They're at the top positions within their regiment."

The trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the students, Farrar said.

Group raises record amount for USS Truman

By Heather Cole
Staff writer

The money raised for amenities for the USS Truman's crew is the largest ever raised for the commissioning of an aircraft carrier, said the president of the fund-raising committee.

The carrier USS Truman was commissioned at a ceremony Saturday in Norfolk, Va.

The Commissioning Committee, headed by Pete Nikolaissen, of Chesterfield, raised more than \$1 million in cash and equipment over two years.

Cash contributions total \$965,000, Nikolaissen said, and equipment and service donations including a center that will allow the crew to take college courses from the ship, exceeds \$500,000, according to a June 30 report from the committee.

The money will go toward books for a library, equipment for a gym, personal computers, and a learning center for the crew, as well as to send 100 students from

around Missouri to attend the commissioning.

"How did we ever do it?" Nikolaissen said. "We were underdog." Nikolaissen said, "The governor appointed a slump as chairman, and 30 people to the committee, and 30 more as advisers."

"We got \$250,000 from McDonnell Douglas, and another \$100,000 from Anheuser-Busch. There were donations from \$1,000 all the way down to \$1."

Nikolaissen credits a "squeaky clean" campaign for the committee's success. "Everybody pays their own expenses to attend the commissioning ceremony. There is no administration, no secretary," Nikolaissen said.

The treasurer for the committee, Robert Mueller, donated all his services. Nikolaissen said, and spent thousands of hours on the project.

"We're very, very fortunate," Nikolaissen said. "Never in the history of the Navy has so much money been raised for a ship."

Wadlow, the world's tallest human, and another room has a display of Eliah P. Lovejoy, who died defending his printing press from a mob in Alton in 1837.

"We have a display of black history," Wadlow said. "Another display tells the history of explorers Lewis and Clark."

The museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"We invite people to call for special tours," Wadlow said.

Former executive admits theft plot, investigator says

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

An investigator says a former barge line executive has admitted involvement in a scheme to buy more than a half-million dollars worth of personal goods on his company's accounts.

"He's given (oral) statements to police and to Alter Barge Line officials admitting to the scheme," said Sgt. Gary Leming, investigator with the Illinois State Police Financial Crimes Task Force.

Dennis L. Dorris, 46, of the 1400 block of Britany Court in Holiday Shores, has been charged with theft over \$10,000.

The Madison County State's Attorney's Office says the charge can be amended if it can be proved that Dorris racked up more than \$100,000 in expenses while he was vice president of operations at Alter Barge Line, 101 N. Bellwood Road in Bethalto.

Leming said an insurance firm has paid Alter \$540,000 for losses, although an Alter official would not confirm that. Dorris resigned in the wake of an internal investigation in June 1996, a company attorney said.

Leming said the company began looking into Dorris' spending practices months before, when employees reportedly began noticing suspicious invoices. Dorris was using six to eight vendors to buy furniture, auto parts, auto repairs and other goods and services that he would either keep for himself or give to others, Leming said.

He complied with several vendors to falsify invoices for personal gain," he said. Investigators would not identify the vendors, which are all local businesses. They are not expected to be charged and are cooperating in the investigation.

"The vendors didn't gain any thing other than the normal profit of a retail business," Leming said. But they were clearly aware that the sales were suspicious and chose to look the other way, he said.

"It doesn't take long to add up \$540,000," he said. Dorris was in charge of buying goods that were used on tow boats that Alter Barge Line uses in its navigation of the country's inland waterway system, mainly on the Mississippi, Ohio and Illinois rivers.

He would buy furniture and show the furniture going to the boats, office or whatever," Leming said. Auto parts vouchers were doctored to make it appear the parts were of the sort needed on tow boats, such as bearings, he said. In fact, they might have been something more like a transmission, he said.

Dorris was also using employees under him to perform personal tasks on work time, Leming said, although he could not elaborate.

Assistant State's Attorney Rich Rybak said Dorris' purchases included furnishings for his house, a helicopter for his car and construction work in and around his house.

Rybak said he has seen white-collar crime cases before "but never to this extent." "Usually they're caught right away, but (Alter officials) trusted him because the main office in Iowa had no one down here overseeing him."

Dorris is believed to have started working for the company sometime in the 1970s. Leming estimated his salary at about \$200,000 a year with bonuses, although an Alter official said that was high.

"They were paying him a very nice salary," Leming said. "You should be able to trust somebody making this much money."

The company called State Police in November 1996, and the matter was referred to the Financial Crimes Task Force in July, Leming said. Although the review of spending technically dates to 1985, the task force is concentrating "on just the last three or four years," Leming said.

After hired a series of auditors to determine its losses, Leming said. He said Alter treasurer Craig Foster has been coordinating the company's investigation through its Bettendorf, Iowa, headquarters.

"Our role is not a role anymore," Foster said, meaning that all matters are in the hands of authorities. "The less said, the better." He declined further comment on the case.

Dorris did not return phone calls made to his home and business. He owns Blue Moon Music Co. in Bethalto. He recently posted \$10,000 bond on \$100,000 bond set by Circuit Judge Charles Roman.

State's Attorney William Haine praised Leming's work in the case. "He did a brilliant job of police work," Haine said.

Mrs. Illinois pageant contestants sought

Contestants are actively being sought for the Mrs. Illinois United Nation Pageant, according to pageant director Motie Jones Baker. Married women from across Illinois will compete January 16-17 in Carville at John A. Logan College for the Mrs. Illinois United Nation 1999.

Competition categories are the interview, evening gown, and tennis wear. No experience is necessary. Each woman selected to represent her city will receive an official crown and banner. For more information on the pageant in your area call: Motie Jones-Baker at (618) 549-1834.

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Carol's comments Lost symbolism sparks worry

Symbolism has been on my mind a bit lately, starting over the July 4 weekend. Actually, on the Glorious Fourth itself, when, instead of going out to watch one of the area fireworks displays, I turned the TV to one of those hour-long news shows, Dateline, probably. At any rate, it was a segment showing interviews earlier in the day with holiday celebrants and it was more than a little discouraging.

One question was being posed to a number of kids, ranging in age from elementary school to middle school, and a couple of adults: "What are we celebrating today?" The truly small fry simply looked shy and puzzled, but only one boy, about 11 or 12 years old, knew the answer. His contemporaries were as clueless as the tots. So much for American history classes, I guess.

The most dismaying part of the segment was one of the adults, an overweight, gray haired woman in her mid-60s-to-70s, wearing what appeared to be shorts in the pattern of the American flag, who laughed uproariously throughout her brief interview and shamelessly admitted that she didn't have the foggiest notion of why the day is a national holiday. The other



Carol Clarkin

Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery and, initially, the thought of removing any of those men was disturbing to me. On a personal level, I've always liked to imagine that the World War II servicemen who lies there just might be one of two of my own friends whose bodies were never identified or recovered. I suspect I'm far from alone.

I've since changed my mind. Blasie is no longer unknown and I'm happy for his family that he's been returned home. It was done with grace and dignity and obviously touched thousands who attended the military rites at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, who attended the service, has been quoted as being doubtful whether there will be future burials of

adult didn't know, either. Now, it's bad enough that a woman of her age apparently equates the holiday with barbecue and Roman candles, rather than the Signing, but I'm really turned off by those who don't hesitate to use the flag as an article of clothing. I can tolerate use of red, white and blue in caps, even T-shirts (though I consider it tasteless) but the sight of Old Glory spread across a broad derriere is simply the endgame."

To make matters worse, these are often the very people who want to make flag-burning a crime. It's been a long time since I was a Girl Scout, but if I recall correctly, we were taught that the proper way to dispose of an old and tattered flag was to burn it. Privately and with respect. Then, there's been the exhumation and reinterment of the remains of First Lt. Michael Blasie. Short of the flag, nothing is more symbolic to most Americans than the Tomb of the

unknowns in the Arlington tomb, now that DNA testing is available for identification of bodies, impossible in the past. That, too, I think is a good idea. Perhaps we should have stopped with the first, the unknown from the World War I. He could have stood as a symbol for all of our wars, and, after all, for those who can't visit Arlington, there are thousands of other unknowns in other cemeteries. Jefferson Barracks, for example, has 3,255 of them. Visit some of the Civil War battlefields and you'll find their memorials, large and small. Thousands upon thousands of them, "known but to God."

I rather prefer them that way, even though I'm happy for the Blasie family. Best that the others remain anonymous, truly symbolic. If you doubt that, remember the black poet James Weldon Johnson's "Saint Peter Relates an Incident of the Resurrection Day."

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Despite setback, cable still comes through

I knew my kids watch too much television, but last year, when we subscribed to cable TV, I envisioned them expanding their knowledge of the world by watching wildlife specials, new programs, and the occasional show about the arts.

What happened, in fact, was a huge fight to get them to recognize that there was any channel on our TV besides the local ones they had been watching all of their lives. I would say, "Oh, look, kids, here is a neat show about zebras on the Discovery Channel."

They would roll their eyes and look at each other and as soon as I would leave the room, the old familiar local channel would come on with some mindless sitcom full of smart-mouthed little brats insulting their parents while the laugh track went crazy. Perhaps they would return to some show with squeaky-voiced cartoon characters berating and abusing each other and I would get angry and make them turn off the television.



Mike Grubb

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Finally, they started to experiment with the true cable channels and suddenly they had fallen in love with "The Brady Bunch," "Gilligan's Island," and "Happy Days," to name a few. I was ready to

give up. All that cable has to offer and they are watching 20- and 30-year-old sitcoms.

But then an amazing thing happened. As I sat and watched the programs with them, I started to remember the shows. The plots came back to me and I amazed my children by hinting to them which direction the story was heading in. They had assumed that these were new shows and they had been trying to teach their poor, ancient father about the characters.

They find it hard to believe that I watched these very shows when I was their age, but it gives us something to talk about, a common bond. It takes me back to my childhood to sit on the couch and watch Bobby Brady find the cursed necklace in Hawaii or see Gilligan screw up another chance at getting rescued. The real fun was when the kids discovered "I Love Lucy."

I sat silently as the kids tried to adjust the set to get the color back in the picture. The concept of black-and-white television befuddled them but they soon

began to enjoy the novelty of it.

Although cable TV has not brought about the desired circumstances that I had hoped, at least I can be comfortable with the end result.

The shows from the good old days may not be mentally stimulating, but I look at the positive side. I know that Mr. Brady is not abusing his wife and Greg Brady won't bring his boyfriend home for Christmas dinner. None of the castaways on Gilligan's Island will become depressed and hang themselves from a palm tree, and the Fonzy won't get fanked up and get involved in a grisly motorcycle wreck (in slow motion, no less.)

And, you know what else? I bet you'll never hear Beaver Cleaver call his dad an idiot.

Mike Grubb is a superintendent with Columbia Quarry Co. He lives in Waterloo with his wife and two children.

Letter to the editor

Beware forms

TO THE EDITOR: Stop! Don't sign any type of form from Granite City. The Granite City officials have never cared about the good people from Nameoki Township. Do you really think they care now? No! Allowing yourself to be annexed into Granite City would dramatically increase your taxes. And what would you get? Police protection? You already have not one, but two fire departments that work side by side—more than 60

fully tried professionals from Long Lake and Mitchell fire departments. And all other services stay as they are. You're always paying for any service that Granite City could offer. So why pay more?

A lot of people want things to stay as they are. But that will not happen. But the closest thing you'll have to that is being a part of the Village of Mitchell in a "volunteer, non-paid village government."

People like you can do it. Not career politicians who are looking at what they stand to

gain. You will finally have a voice and people that will listen.

This is a clean, fresh beginning for a historic, hard-working community. Say no to the traditional Granite City Machine that still doesn't care about those in Nameoki Township. Their only motive is not letting Mitchell have you.

Do you think they still care about you? The answer is still no, disinterested.

The Mitchell community cares a great deal about the people of Nameoki Township.

It would be great to see the people in Nameoki and Chouteau townships be family. "For the people, by the people."

BOB STACOFF
Mitchell

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Voice Box

Should there be a law passed to protect the American flag?



"Yes, it represents all the states and should not be burned or stepped on. It stands for freedom and our right to do what I want to do within the law."

Nicklaus London, 10 Godfrey animal lover



"Yes, it means freedom, home, family. A different aspect because we were military and serving our country."

Vickie Joffrey Belleville bookseller



"Yes. It is a symbol of freedom, I have to treat it with respect."

Griffin Reinheimer, 11 soccer player



"Yes. It is a symbol of freedom that I have here. I treat it with respect."

Mary Bauer, 50 Glen Carbon nurse



"Yes. It is a symbol of freedom of America. Religion and speech, liberty and justice for all. When I see the flag I know I am in a free country."

Barbara Woods, 58 O'Fallon

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Always be assured of God's constant love

"Everything will be all right. I know how you feel," Don't worry. "Remember how God brought you through last year and the year before, difficulties you don't even think of anymore."

These simple phrases, when spoken by a trusted friend or loved one, can console, strengthen and get you through life's difficult moments.

Sometimes you feel you can't go on any longer. Hold on, give it a day or two. Soon, things will begin to get better.

If you are experiencing periods of sadness and you don't know why, just wait. Look up, beyond the clouds, to the pure blue sky where the soaring birds wing.

The good Lord spread above us a precious canopy of blue to remind us to have patience in trouble. "They that wait upon the Lord shall not be weary; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

We go through many storms

A New You



Catherine Galasso

throughout our lives, but always remember that somewhere up ahead the clouds will clear and the sky will once again be bright and the sun will gladden down on the petals of the lily in the field. Just as the flowers need rain for them to grow, sometimes we must bear sorrow for our lives to be enriched and bloom.

If we but ask and believe, angels are always at our side to guide us through times of need according to our Father's direction. Know that there is a heavenly host around you, a

divine love that reveals itself through the little things, the simple everyday tasks if done as unto the Lord.

How comforting to know that we have a Father who loves us. That love is steadfast, constant and consistent. We must have a steadfast, constant and consistent awareness of the one who cares for us so. Just this awareness will create miracles.

Nature can teach us a multitude of things. We learn so much from the tiniest creature to the grandest oak.

Watch in wonder as the cute and perky squirrels energetically gather their nuts. Instantly they know to collect their food and store it for when the hard times come. We all need to be like them and collect God's happy promises and store them in our hearts for when the difficulties arise.

Imitate the oak tree and lift up your arms and praise God. For God in His strength and love inhabits the praises of His

people. Every member of God's creation is linked by a common thread.

Outside the window I see two soft doves snuggling side by side on a branch. The sound of contented coos come from both as they are huddled together. The comforting sweetness of the doves reveals the importance of being there for our fellow neighbors, friends and loved ones, cooling happiness for their success and, when times are low, supporting them and raising them up with soft words of love.

If you feel overwhelmed, spend at least 10 minutes talking to the Lord. Ask the questions, listen and watch nature for the answers.

In all ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path. Proverbs 3:6. God will direct your footsteps to great fulfillment and countless blessings. There is no sweeter joy than relationship with Him. His love surpasses all other love. He will do for you what

you cannot do for yourself. Give every problem to Him. His constant reassurance is so warm and comforting. Meditate on and hear His voice saying, "I will never leave you or forsake you." He is as close as a heartbeat. Look around you and see His problem-solving wisdom in all nature.

And like the still waters of

the lakes and pools, reflect the greatness of His love.

Catherine Galasso is a freelance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

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On the good side, less than one percent of the world's insects are considered harmful or destructive. And from that group, only a minute number actually damage turf. But considering the total numbers, that still leaves plenty.

Most of these turf-destroying creatures do their dirty work by devouring the grass roots. Of course, by working underground, their presence isn't usually known until it's too late.

One of the more common insects to plague lawns in this country is the white grub. These critters are small, usually not more than an inch long and are grayish-white in color. They have brown heads and three pairs of legs. Not very pleasant, and neither is what they do to lawns.

If left unchecked, these pests can destroy entire lawns. If they don't finish the job in the fall, they'll move deep into the soil to spend the winter and return to resume where they left off the following spring.

A good indication of grub damage in your lawn is brown patches that pop up here and there. If you suspect grubs, try to lift the turf up as if it were a carpet. If you can, sorry. You have grubs. Oftentimes they'll be visible when you lift up the turf. The greatest concentration of them will be nearest the edges where the good grass is.

Dylox and Diazinon are great fast-acting short-term grub controls. For longer-lasting control, try Otanol.

If you spot brown patches, but the lawn doesn't lift up easily, you may not be quite out of the woods. It could be grub

damage from last spring. Don't apply any controls if this is the case; just keep watering. Wait until fall to go after the grubs.

Before applying grub controls, that soil and thatch layer should be moist, but the grass blades dry. Water the lawn thoroughly, letting the soil get completely wet. When the grass dries, apply the product. The lawn should be watered thoroughly within one hour of application to help carry the insecticide down to the root zone.

Grubs may remain active for a month or so after treatment. Some don't give up without a good fight, so a second application may be necessary.

Lawns with only minor damage can recover if you treat it as a newly-sodded lawn. Severe damage, unfortunately, calls for a re-seeding or re-sodding job. It's possible to grow seeds in the summer, but it's more difficult. A good solution would be to use a quick-germinating seed such as Perennial Rye. When fall's cooler temperatures arrive, you can sow a more permanent type of seed.

Getting rid of grubs offers another plus for your lawn. Grubs are favorite foods of moles, common turf-destroying animals. These pests burrow under the ground, creating tunnels, destroying grass roots in the process. If there are no grubs, the moles won't hang around for long.

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Crystal Kaya Taylor celebrates a birthday today, July 26.
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Marguerita "GG" Skipper celebrates a birthday today, July 27.
Kaya-Kaya Taylor celebrates a birthday today, July 27.
Melvin "Scott" Kramer celebrates a birthday today, July 27.
Joseph and Mildred Dallas celebrate their wedding anniversary July 27.
Cynthia Pryor celebrates a birthday today, July 28.
Michael Obrecht Jr. celebrates a birthday today, July 28.
Bruce Martin celebrates a birthday today, July 28.
Michelle Gorges celebrates a birthday today, July 28.
Dave Ballentine celebrates a birthday today, July 28.
Delfine Ross celebrates a birthday today, July 29.
John W. Papa celebrates a birthday today, July 29.

Dimmie Love celebrates a birthday today, July 29.
Lisa McKee celebrates a birthday today, July 29.
Kim North celebrates a birthday today, July 29.
Tammy Lynn Smith celebrates a birthday today, July 29.
Connie Holmes celebrates a birthday today, July 29.
Kyla Neuling celebrates a birthday today, July 30.
Vernon L. Skipper celebrates a birthday today, July 30.
Gina Carter celebrates a birthday today, July 30.
Terry Lee Green celebrates a birthday today, July 30.
Michael Walter Pedigo celebrates a birthday today, July 30.
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ostresh celebrate their wedding anniversary July 30.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Skubish celebrate their wedding anniversary July 30.
Dennis Gibson celebrates a birthday today, July 31.

Jeffrey C. Perkins celebrates a birthday July 31.
Rita Schneider celebrates a birthday July 31.
Andrea Dillard celebrates a birthday July 31.
William E. Brown celebrates a birthday July 31.
Rebecca Lynn Slover celebrates a birthday July 31.

To submit an item to Milestones, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

St. Elizabeth's Medical Park Welcomes New M.D.

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Bradley J. Tissier, M.D. will open his office on July 27, 1998. Dr. Tissier will offer a wide range of obstetric and gynecological care. He is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and his practice will be associated with multiple healthcare plans. Office hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with evening appointments available. Call 628-1717 for more information.

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Bradley J. Tissier, M.D.

Senior menus

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MONDAY, July 27 — Swiss steak, Delmonico potatoes, sliced zucchini, wheat bread, banana pudding.
TUESDAY, July 28 — Chicken stew, stew vegetables, salad, biscuits, peach cobbler.
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THURSDAY, July 30 — Pork cutlet with cream gravy, red beans and rice, chopped spinach, wheat bread, fresh oranges.
FRIDAY, July 31 — Chicken and dumplings, garden salad, peas and pearl onions, wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

Seniors 80 and older are always welcome. Meals are served at noon. The suggested donation is \$2.25. All meals include 2 percent milk, bread and margarine. Reservations, one day in advance, can be made by calling 677-4373.

GCHS classmates sought

The following Graduates of Granite City High School Class of 1968 are needed to be notified of an upcoming reunion.

Please call Barbara Bilberry at 451-5800 or write to 2340 Gary, Granite City, IL, 62040. E-mail at logan@stinet.net or ksmgrig@hotmail.com.

Classmates include: Floyd Adams, Clara Alger, Jeanette Anderson, Olivia Angle, Bertie Baker, Diana Barnett, Loy Dale Belcher, Brenda Bod, John Buckingham Jr., Judy Camarate, Madonna Chappell, Phillip Clemens, Shirley Davis, Paulette Dorsett, Ray Drennan, Christie Dufner, James Fitzpatrick, Debrah Flowers, Susan Flowers, Lanny Gibbs, Marilyn Gibbs, Deborah Gregory, Constance Hayley, Dennis Hardesty, Emogene Harned, Debra Harrison, Kristina Hayes, Norma Hunter, Betty Innon, Barbara Jackson, Peggy Jackson, Robert James, Karola Jenkins, Diane Jones, Kathleen Judy, Joyce Kearby, Charles Kruger, Sharon Landon, George Laughlin, Craig Lewis, Pamela Libby, Pamela McDonald, Shirley McMillan, James Meador, Sharon Mills, Sandra Nixon, Catherine Orgovan, Chester Orr, Jim Parks, Michael Podner, Deena Poulos, James Parks, Brenda Rapp, Randall Raymond, Brenda Reed, Debra Rull, Daniel Roberts, Mary Robertson, Roberta Rojas, John Roney, Mary Ross, Richard Russell, Carol Scott, Robert Slatery, Gareth Smith, Stanley Smith, Susan Spiker, Gloria Sprinkle, Connie Stacey, Tana Stamps, Leonard Stapleton, Michael Staveley, Steve Steff, Iris Stovall, Linda Stroud, Judy Utey, Georgia

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The hit man

Buds' Fiala reaches 2,000 for career

Name the former St. Louis Cardinals infielder who this season surpassed the 2,000-hit mark in his baseball career.

If your answer was Ozzie Smith, you're wrong as you see, Belleville Area College baseball coach Neil Fiala is a former Cardinals infielder and his career continues today as the

starting second baseman for the Waterloo Buds of the Mon-Clair men's league.

Fiala No. 2,000 came for Fiala on a single in the second game of a July 12

Doubleheader sweep against Valmeyer, although I'm sure no one in attendance was aware Fiala had recorded every hit he has had per season in his career. That's starting with his freshman year at St. Louis Vianney High School, through college and American Legion ball, through minor and major league games and through every amateur team for which Fiala has played since 1971.

While admitting some people might think he was on an ego trip, Fiala said the numbers compiled over a 28-year playing career came not so much as a result of self-service as much as the fact that they are related to baseball.

"No sport lends itself to statistics like baseball," Fiala told me after the Buds has raised their record to 30-0 with a doubleheader sweep over Granite City.

A glance at the figures Fiala compiled also makes one appreciate the hours of research that had to be done since they include games (2,033); at bats (6,787); runs (1,699); hits (2,053); RBI (1,325); walks (1,110); strikeouts (528); stolen bases (48); and average (.334) and even sacrifice flies (57) and bunts (178). He also recorded a 28-0 home hit streak this summer.

The list of teams starting with Vianney High is nearly an honor roll at points because it includes outstanding National Baseball Congress entrants like 1992 champion Midlothian, Ill., whose team featured 18 former professional players.

"Waterloo is a lot like that team," Fiala said of the Buds, who already have won the Prairie State Games and Valmeyer Tournament and are nearing the team's 17th consecutive regular-season title under coach Vern Moehrs.

At age 41, left-handed hitting Fiala is the oldest of the Waterloo players, but he claims it is the experience of the former pro players on the team that is a special blend with the younger players.

"We just enjoy playing the

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Paul Baillargeon photo

Waterloo's Jehu Wahlig follows through on his swing during a recent game. The Buds, idle this weekend, are 30-0 this summer.

Waterloo remains unbeaten

Granite City among recent victims for 30-0 Buds

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

The Waterloo Buds Mon-Clair baseball team remained undefeated last weekend, posting doubleheader victories against Granite City and Millstadt.

Host Waterloo edged Granite City 2-1 and 11-4 on July 18 before upending visiting

Millstadt 16-9 and 6-5 (eight innings) one day later.

Clay Moehrs' seventh inning sacrifice fly propelled Waterloo (30-0 overall and 14-0 in league play) past Granite City in game one.

Mike Wirth drove in Waterloo's other tally. Chris Hargan earned the win, allowing just four hits and one run in a complete game

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Granite City bounces back against Lakers

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

As Valmeyer's pitching continues to take a beating, so does the team's overall record.

MON-CLAIR BASEBALL

Valmeyer hurlers surrendered 28 runs on 28 hits in a doubleheader sweep to Granite City last Sunday at Borsch Memorial Park, extending the Lakers Mon-Clair league losing streak to six games.

The Steelers won the opener 12-7 before claiming the nightcap 14-5.

"The big thing is the last 1 1/2 weeks, our pitching has not performed well," said Lakers manager Dennis Pieper.

"Probably the biggest part is that they're throwing behind in the count getting themselves into problems. With that, then we've had to score a lot of runs and we haven't been able to outscore them in that situation."

Overall, Valmeyer (21-11, 7-11 in league play) pitchers allowed five home runs in the two contests.

One day prior, Laker hurlers

yielded 24 runs while losing a pair to Sauget.

"Hopefully our starting pitching comes around and at least gives us a chance into the fifth or sixth innings," said Pieper, whose club traveled to Granite City Thursday. "Our pitching has just fallen into a shallow hole right now I guess."

Kyle Briggs paced the Steelers brigade in the first game Sunday, going 4-for-4 with a homer, a double and three RBI. Brian Harshany added a home run and three RBI while Rodney Lofton also blasted a circuit shot. Tony Duenas had two hits and an RBI.

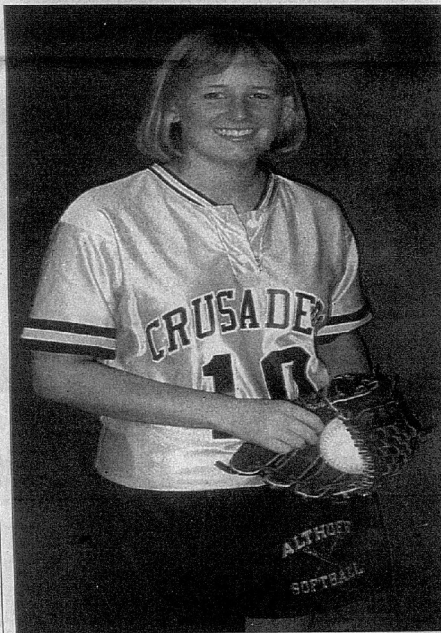
In game two, Brett Kisro anchored Granite City with three hits — including a homer and three RBI. Player-manager Daren DePew belted a three-run home run, while Duenas also rapped a homer.

Briggs chipped in two hits and an RBI for the Steelers, who improved to 15-6 overall and 15-5 in league play.

"We've got some guys

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ALL-JOURNAL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM (CLASS AA)



Althoff junior pitcher Katie Kloess lost just three games this spring — all by 1-0 margins.

Althoff's Kloess thrived in pressure situations

Junior pitcher posted 16-3 mark with 0.21 ERA

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Considering her background, it's hardly surprising that Katie Kloess is the Class AA Softball Player of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Kloess, who will be a senior at Althoff High School, grew up in a softball environment. Her father, Tom, played fast-pitch for years in the Belleville City League at South Side Park. Her mother, Mary, has been Althoff's head coach for more than 20 years and is a former slowpitch player.

A three-year varsity veteran, Kloess put up some up some outstanding numbers in 1998, including a 16-3 record and an 0.21 ERA. In 132 1/3 innings, she allowed only 48 hits and 16 walks while striking out 188 batters. She was also one of Althoff's best hitters, with a .337 average.

"Katie lost three games this year, all by the score of 1-0," Mary Kloess said. "She has improved her stats each year."

"The biggest reason for Katie's success is her hard work, but most importantly, her poise on the mound. She is very determined and she's what I like to call a 'gamer.' She really gets up for the big games."

One of Kloess' best games this year came in a losing effort. Facing Belleville West in the semifinals of the Belleville East Regional, she blanked the Maroons on one hit over six innings before losing 1-0 in the seventh on an unearned run.

"We had a very difficult regional," said Kloess, who finished the game with a two-hitter. "We had a very young team, but we came a long way and did some good things."

"We worked together as a team and we all had fun together. Making the switch (from Class A) to Class AA was something we noticed only in the postseason. We were in a strong regional last year and didn't do so good

in that, either. The switch didn't affect us mentally like some people thought it would have."

Thanks in part to her parents, Kloess thrives in pressure situations.

"I used to go to tournaments all the time with my dad," she said. "We would go to South Side all the time. I used to go to Althoff games when I was really young, too. They have a picture of me wearing all the catcher's equipment when I was 4."

"I started pitching when I was 7. I played one year before that in T-ball. I practiced all the time, but I didn't pitch (in a game) until at least my second year. I threw hard for my age, but I didn't have any control."

"I just went out and kept practicing and finally got the hang of it. I tell little kids when they start pitching to work on mechanics and speed. Control will come later."

Softball is Kloess' No. 1 sport, but she has played three sports at Althoff.

"I'll take a couple months off (from softball) after the summer, but I'll spend some time throwing in the fall and winter," she said. "I play basketball and I've played volleyball, but I'm not going to play this coming year. I couldn't play just one sport in high school."

"My mom and dad have spent numerous hours helping me pitch, but I never did go to a pitching coach until two or three years ago when I started throwing different pitches. My dad used to ask different people at South Side to help me and my mom knew a lot of stuff from working with her pitchers (at Althoff)."

"I used to go to another pitching coach, but (St. Louis-based coach) George Jones started helping me last year. I throw a lot harder and my pitches have a lot more movement. He changed my style just a little and it helped a lot."

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Schroeders leave their mark on PSG in track, table tennis

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Track and table tennis would seem to make strange bedfellows.

In one, your feet pound the cinder in pursuit of speed; in the other, your hands are blurry, frantic movement reflecting concentration on fingers, flats and wrists.

Like standard tennis, though, nimble feet minimize the responsibilities on your hands. That makes the two sports seem more compatible.

Enter the Schroeders: Barry, 45, and Steve, 17, together enter like a wink and a smile, or... well, hurdles and ping pong.

They decided to gang up on the rest of the field at the Prairie State Games, father and son working together to bring home some medals for brom.

(My wife) Cynthia really loved seeing us out there together," said Barry. "She and our daughter Kathleen came out to cheer us both on."

Under their watchful eyes, Barry won the gold medal in the 100 meter dash.

They lined up in a heat with two guys in the 19-25

range, three guys my age, and two older," he said. "They measure by overall times in the age group, and I guess mine put me just ahead."

Steve took home the silver in 110-meter hurdles and the bronze in table tennis.

"It's nice to get new people to play tournaments with, or race against," he said. "I've been racing since seventh grade," said Barry, a sixth-grade teacher at Granite City Wilson School and former letterman in track at Granite City High, where his son is

following in his footsteps. "I run the 110-meter high and 300-meter intermediate hurdles, and play golf," said Steve.

A couple of weeks ago, to prepare for the games, Barry started running in the park, despite a bum wheel.

"I've been having some trouble with my knee," he said, "so I went out a little early to get it, and the rest of me, in shape."

"I've been surrounded myself with table tennis for as long as he can remember. "When Cynthia and I got married, we knew that it was mandatory that we have a ping-pong table. The basement

was split in half and unfinished, just right to plop a table down in. With that, we knew we'd found the perfect house."

Then, disaster. Sort of. "The flood of '93 wrecked the table," said Barry. "We had it in the basement, and it just buckled. No problem; we got out the sawhorses and propped it up."

Since October, Barry and friends have been playing at T's Bar and Grill, downtown, every Tuesday and Saturday, for singles, doubles, tournaments — whatever satisfies the fix.

"It's great to have a place to play," says Barry. "We've been playing table tennis all my life, and Steve decided to try it out."

play somebody different in the Prairie State games, instead of getting beaten by my dad all the time," says Steve, laughing. "I got to watch him compete against other guys for a change."

The men aren't the only ones in this family with athleticism in their genes. Kathleen, 9, competed and did well in a handful of events at sports day at her school. Worthing, including victories in 3-way soccer, 50-yard dash, and appropriately enough, an event called the "shuttle," a crab-like test of hand-foot coordination. No doubt she learned it from her dad, who seems to clobber everyone in the house at anything they play.

Does the younger generation stand a chance? "I get him every once in a while," says Steve.

Youth Swimming Results

YOUTH SWIMMING
Paddlers 401, Gaslight 251
(at Granite City, July 14)

100 freestyle
9-10: 1. Jonathan Dombek (P) 1:26.55, 2. Matthew Schooley (P) 1:27.09, Kevin Theiss (G) 1:27.01, 4. Drew Sanders (G) 1:37.69, Extra: Blake Bionash (P) 1:26.37, 3. Adam Schuchman (P) 1:26.37, 5. Justin Scholay (P) 1:26.31, 6. Brian Baker (P) 1:26.31, 7. Jimmy Stein (G) 1:37.07, Extra: Justin Lumar (P) 1:26.31, 12-14: 1. Matthew Dittman (P) 1:35.25, 2. Xavier Peleto (G) 1:35.25, 3. Van Beckelmann (G) 1:36.12, 4. Brian Baker (P) 1:36.12, 5. Adam Schuchman (P) 1:36.12, 6. Jimmy Stein (G) 1:36.12, 7. Justin Lumar (P) 1:36.12, 8. Matt Yehling (P) 1:36.12, 9. Dustin Peterson (P) 1:36.12, Extra: Brian Reese (P) 1:36.12.

50 and under: Heat 1: 1. Paddlers (Green, Weaver, Strobel, Scholay) 2:31.56, 2. Gaslight (Randall, Meyer, Osborn, Baker) 2:37.25, Heat II: Paddlers (Dobson, Smyczek, Milton, Bionash) 2:31.56, Heat III: Paddlers (Luhne, Niles, Simon) 2:39.92, 6-10: Heat I: 1. Paddlers (Dombek, Peterson, Scholay, Gordon) 3:01.80, 2. Gaslight (Theiss, Lumar, Sanders, Nun) 3:22.32, Heat II: Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 11-12: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 13-14: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 15-16: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 17-18: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 19-20: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 21-22: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 23-24: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 25-26: 1. Paddlers (Hendrick, Dorsch, Bionash, Lofgren) 3:22.32, 27-28: 1. 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Kloess pitches well in pressure situations

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Kloess burst onto the prep softball scene as a freshman in 1996 and was 12-1 with a 0.55 ERA. As a sophomore, she was 15-2 with a 0.47 ERA.

"I like to have a combination of velocity and location," Kloess said. "We always talk about softball in our house. It's basically our whole life right now — at least mine."

"I'm a lot more confident now, especially because of my summer team. I still get nervous, but nothing like I used to."

Kloess is in her third season with the St. Louis Heat select team after one year each with the Elite, the Belles and the Marauders. She is one of two Illinois players on the team, which starts its season in late April since most Missouri prep softball players don't have a spring season.

"In a tournament in Colorado over the Fourth of

July weekend, the Heat placed fifth among 75 teams. Kloess had a 5-1 record with three shutouts, including a 1-0, eight-inning victory over a California team called the Flash D Gold.

"We play about 100 games a year, although I don't play in all of them because of high school ball," Kloess said. "We'll finish around Aug. 10 at nationals in California. There hasn't been as much competition in St. Louis this year, but we travel a lot and play some really good teams."

"By the end of the season, I'm glad that softball is over. But I'm never sick of it."

As she looks toward her senior year at Althoff, Kloess is careful not to put too much pressure on herself.

"I'd like to finally win a regional, but I'd like to have a fun season and not worry about it too much," she said. "Hopefully by then I'll know where I'll be going (to college)."

Belleville West and four on first team
Belleville East has three players honored, Edwardsville two

The following players join Althoff junior pitcher Katie Kloess in being honored on the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois' All-Journal team:

First Team

Pitchers
Kristen Becker, Belleville East: A junior, Becker appeared in 28 of East's 40 games and was 19-3 with a 0.72 ERA. She also had five saves while striking out 208 and walking 37.

"She proved she was one of the dominant pitchers in the area, especially in the postseason," said Lancers coach Rita Menke. "She matured so much over the course of the season."

"(Pitching coach) Joe Nunez took her as a project in the offseason. She had to improve the mental part of her game, and in a year's time, she improved enough to put her over the top."

Heather Hubert, Belleville West: As a freshman in 1997, Hubert was West's No. 1 pitcher and helped the Maroons place fourth in the state tournament. Her performance this year proved her '97 success was no fluke.

"What she did was not a surprise to people in the area, or to the coaches," said West coach Bob Yagge. "She more confident this year and her stats were actually better than last year."

"She was 16-3 and she had 124 strikeouts in 133 innings, so that ratio was up. Her ERA was down to 0.58."

"She has a great deal of competitiveness. She does not want to lose and she always wants to be at her best. One key point to her pitching is her ability to hit the location."

Catcher

Abby Kaesberg, Belleville West: Kaesberg, who will play next season at SIU-Edwardsville, was a standout for the Maroons on offense and defense. She batted .326 and was second on the team with 24 RBI.

"She only struck out eight times in 95 at-bats," Yagge said. "She did a really good job behind the plate and she calls a good game. The area where she improved most was her handling of lower pitches."

"The experience Abby brought to the game was very important in working with our pitchers, (sophomores) Heather Hubert and (freshman) Casey Hunter."

Infielders

Amber Scharf, Belleville West: Scharf, a three-year starter for the Maroons, will play next season at Missouri Baptist. As a

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senior, she batted .356 with a team-high 25 RBIs.

"She was the best third baseman in the area," Yagge said. "She's very quick with her hands and her feet. She's probably the only third baseman in the area who can field a bunt or hard hit on the run and throw and get the batter out."

Beth Yagge, Belleville West: The junior led the team with a .413 batting average and was fourth in RBI with 21.

"She was our field general," said Bob Yagge, Beth's father. "She kept the infield attuned to what was going on in the game. She was always talking to the pitcher and the other infielders."

"She improved a lot this year in catching the really low throws. Her knowledge of how to play first base improved greatly, too."

Jacque Woosley, Edwardsville: The senior made her second straight All-Journal team during the 1997-98 school year. She was a first-team member on the Class AA girls basketball team.

On the softball field, Woosley batted leadoff for the Tigers and posted a .400 batting mark. She collected 29 hits — including four doubles, 11 triples and seven home runs — for an .895 slugging percentage. She drove in 29 runs and had a .504 on-base percentage.

"She got on base a lot," Edwardsville coach Dave Schumacher said. "She had a little more power than you would normally have at lead-off spot. She was pretty aggressive and didn't get a lot of walks but her on-base percentage was still good. She had a really nice left-handed swing. She made contact quite a bit."

Jamie Schoonover, Edwardsville: The senior batted clean up for the second straight year for the Tigers. Schoonover batted .571 with 30 RBI despite missing 10 games due to a deep bruise on her right wrist. She had 18 extra base hits this spring — seven doubles, nine triples and two home runs.

"She was probably our purest hitter this year," Schumacher said. "She only had four strikeouts all year. She was pretty tough to strike out. You couldn't throw the ball by her. She had the quickest bat I've ever had. She had an outstanding year. She was real solid defensively."

Amanda Williams, Belleville East: The junior shortstop batted .520 with a school-record 45 hits in 125 bats and also set a school record with 41 stolen bases. "Bridget Fournie (a 1997 graduate) had set the records with 60 hits and 40 stolen bases, and we thought those were safe for a while," Menke said. "For Amanda, speed generated 90 percent of her hits. When she got on base, she was pretty much a sparkplug for us. She scored 52 runs."

"As a sophomore, she platooned in the outfield with Andi Pfeil. She gradually worked her way into the starting lineup the last third of the season as a DH or outfielder."

Outfielders

Angie Niemeyer, Belleville East: In addition to a batting average of better than .400, the junior tied Natalie Bennett's single-season school record with 43 RBI.

Holly Minton, O'Fallon: One of six sophomore starters for the Panthers, Minton batted .450 with 15 stolen bases. A two-year starter, she played outfield and catcher as a freshman.

"She was coming off an ankle injury from basketball, so we didn't use her behind the plate this year," said coach Jan Luge. "She was still outstanding in the outfield."

Heather Wescoat, Althoff: A junior, Wescoat batted .365 with 18 RBI. She led the Crusaders in hits (40) and doubles (seven).

"Heather has always been an excellent hitter," said coach Mary Kloess.

Second team

Pitchers
Krissey Kohnen, O'Fallon.
Stacey Evans, Triad.
Cori Gaudin, Edwardsville.
Stephanie Votrian, Belleville East.

Catcher
Cassie Warrington, Belleville East.
Beth Eckert, Belleville East.

Infielders
Emily Hodel, Belleville East.
Jamie Hayden, Belleville East.
Angie Conley, Belleville East.
Krystal Kraus, Belleville West.
Melinda Singleton, Mascoutah.
Robyn Slater, Granite City.

Outfielders
Lyndsey Bieber, O'Fallon.
Melissa Meyer, Edwardsville.
Amy Crook, Belleville East.
Katie Knapp, Belleville West.

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Bats: Right



Todd Stottlemire

Age: 33
Uniform #: 30
Position: Pitcher
Throws: Right
Bats: Left

WINNERS

Listed below are the winners for last month's "Match The Players" contest.

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Connie Young	Brian Hermann
Julie Rechten	Denise Collier
Bill Heidorn	Stephen Waldron
Steve Hill	Ashley Beam
Kelly Lautenschlager	Renee Hutson
Matthew Bongior	Kathi Schroeder
Matthew McKeever	Cameron Muml
Mike Baker	Amanda Millstone
Jamex Grindell	Maggie Evans
Taylor Brockhorst	Nick Campbell
Todd Rehm	

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Sports

Granite sweeps the Lakers

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belated a three-run home run, while Duenas also rapped a homer.

Briggs chipped in two hits and an RBI for the Steelers, who improved to 15-6 overall and 15-5 in league play.

"We've got some guys that have had a good day at the plate," said DePew, whose unit dropped a pair to Waterloo last Saturday. "We had some guys that were struggling and now they've picked it up. So things look good going into the stretch run. We've got to keep that going."

In the opener, Granite City stormed to an 8-2 second-inning cushion en route to victory.

Billy Niepert earned the win, surrendering 14 hits and seven earned runs in 6½ innings. Lofton picked up the save.

Mason Horne went 3-for-5 with a homer and three RBI for Valmeyer.

Brett Crawford and Jeff Harres each drove in two, while Tim Degener added three hits.

Andy Allsup suffered the loss, allowing 10 hits and 8 runs — all earned — in just 1½ innings.

The Steelers again wasted little time burying the Lakers in game two, rolling to a 10-1 lead after three innings.

Jeremy Hoback gained the decision, permitting nine hits and five earned runs in the complete-game performance.

"It was really hot and he was really hot in that last inning," DePew said. "He had a big lead. He just threw strikes and made them hit it and that's what you want to do. He survived. He did a great job. It was a gutsy performance, I thought."

Horne ripped another long ball and had two RBI, while Degener and Crawford each recorded two hits and an RBI. Mike Vogt took the loss, allowing four hits and six runs — all earned — in two frames.

Granite City hosts East Alton today, while Valmeyer enters Brighton.

Both twin bills are scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m.

Granite City, meanwhile, is playing solid baseball. After dropping tough 2-1 and 11-4 decisions to undefeated Waterloo last Saturday, the Steelers rebounded with impressive verdicts against the Lakers.

"We would have liked to have had that first game at Waterloo," said Granite City player-manager Daren DePew, whose outfit hosts East Alton today. "We lost 2-1 and we had a chance to win it. That was a big one. But coming back and winning two (last Sunday) was important for us. So I like what we're doing."

Following Thursday's action against Valmeyer, the Steelers have three more doubleheaders — all at home — before the league playoffs begin Aug. 14.

Temper flared in the sixth inning of game two Sunday.

Kyle Briggs, who was 6-for-7 with four RBI Sunday, stole second base with Granite City leading 10-1 in the fourth.

When Briggs batted two innings later, he was brushed back by Valmeyer hurler Chris Kohanz. Briggs then had words with Lakers catcher Mike McCarthy before pushing him down.

Both benches then poured onto the field, causing the game to be delayed for several minutes.

Only Briggs was ejected from the contest. The remainder of the game played was without incident.

Waterloo unbeaten in Mon-Clair action

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performance. He walked one and fanned 10.

Mark Winfield was the hard-luck loser, permitting only five hits and two earned runs.

Brett Klaro had two hits — including a homer — for Granite City (15-6 and 15-5).

In game two, Waterloo bolted to a 5-0 lead after one inning and rolled to victory.

Waterloo's Jeff Kaiser went 3-for-4 with four RBI, while Jim Wahlig contributed three more hits and a homer. Jim Anderson, John Baxmeyer, Chris Johnson, Moehrs and Wirth each posted RBI.

Former Steelers hurler Darin Hendrickson picked up the victory for the Buds, surrendering eight hits and four runs — three

earned — in a complete-game effort.

P.J. Perucca had two RBI for the Steelers, who host East Alton today.

One day later, Waterloo overcame a three-run opening game deficit to whip improving Millstadt, which had won four straight, 16-3.

Trailing 6-3, the Buds scored five runs in the third and eight more an inning later for a 16-6 cushion.

John Wahlig fueled Waterloo's attack, going 2-for-5 with a pair of circuit shots and five RBI.

In game two, the Buds pushed across an eighth-inning run for the win.

Fiala went 3-for-4 with a homer and an RBI while John Wahlig and Anderson each hit home runs.

Fiala reaches 2,000-hit plateau for baseball career

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the SIU-Carbondale team which finished third in the NCAA Division I tourney in 1977.

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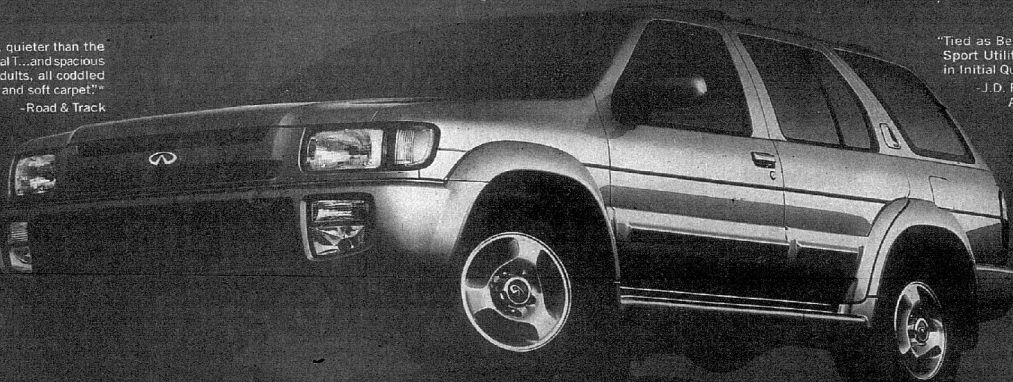
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Armageddon
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Eastgate Plaza, E. A.
Armageddon (PG)
7:00, 10:00
There's Something
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Mafia (PG-13)
9:15
Saving Private
2:10, 8:00
Dr. Dolittle (PG)
7:00, 9:30
Lethal Weapon
7:30, 10:10

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE
Edwardsville, Ill. 61
Deep Impact (PG)
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A Perfect Murder
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Grigaby Middle School recently announced its 1997-1998 honor roll list.

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Honor Roll

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Doly, Melissa Douglas, Matthew Duffield, Amy Finazzo, James Gauen, Michael Ghirardi, Amanda Griffin, Jessica Hall, Christoph Hemphill, Nicole Horvath, Jaclyn Kacera, Lyndy Kachadorian, Rändi Lupardus, Annie McAteer, Rachel Meyer, Amanda Miller, Leighann Moore, Summer Moore, Robert Nemeth, Carl Peterson, Natasha Ponce, Frank Randall, Joseph Ravaneli, Jessica Reynolds, Jennifer Root, Virginia Ruiz, Stephanie Rushing, Tiffany Sanders, Jacob Seley, Emily Skouby, Tia Smith, Ashley Spohn, Megan Towery, Stephanie

Trucks, Melissa Wesley, John White, Nathan Whitehead, Andrew Wilson, Salvador Woods and Shannon Wright.

Grade eight — Joshua Anderson, David Antognoli, Bryan Baker, Rhonda Ballard, Carly Blind, Christoph Boker, Meg Boone, Natalie Buckingham, Nisaa Butler, Joshua Cann, Megan Coghlan, Noel Comer, Ryan Cook, Amanda Custer, Summer Daugherty, Tiana Dillon, Elizabeth Dochwal, Trista Duef, Bradley Everts, Jess Gaines, Mark Gaven, Ashley Green, Stacey Hearn, Jon-

than Hedge, Erin Hull, Ashley Jones, Amanda Krug, Brooke McClain, Joshua McCoy, Sarah McQue, Kelly Mennemeyer, Jason Miller, Nicole Million, Sarah Mueller, Jessica Papp, Jonathan Petri, Cassie Reeder, Brandi Reynolds, Tara Reynolds, Ashley Rippey, Brandon Robinson, Tasha Robinson, Stacey Roman, Stephanie Rother, Amanda Sadoj, Trevor Shields, Vincent Slight, Jerod Skouby, Aaron Stovall, Jamie Tague, Evan Thomas, Jennifer Warren, Michael Watkins, Anna White, Victoria Wright and Daffin Young.

Bravo!

Wallace garners achievement award

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Ted J. Wallace of Granite City has been named a United States National Award Winner in science.

Wallace, who attends Coolidge Junior High, was nominated for the national award by Ms. Kunz, a science teacher at the school.

Wallace will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. Ted is the son of Joe and Ellen Wallace of Granite City. His grandparents are Tom and Elaine Zelenka of Granite City and the Late James and Shirley Wallace of Granite City.

2 graduate

Christopher Paul McMillan and Kathleen Michelle Reader of Granite City were among 300 graduates participated in the spring commencement May 9 at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo.

McKendree names graduates

McKendree College has released its 1998 graduate list. Among those graduating were: Stephen C. Blind, Peggy Jo Duncan, Lance E. Frisley and Jason T. Mathenia, all of Granite City.

Planning program slated for Aug. 12

The Alzheimer's Association will present a free legal and financial planning program to help clarify concerns for families caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease. The program will be held from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 12 in the Collinsville Public Library, 408 W. Main Street.

The program provides information on durable power of attorney for financial and health-care issues along with suggestions for establishing priorities for estate planning, guardianship, long-term care and Medicaid. The featured speaker will be William Berry, attorney.

Registration for the free program is required by calling the Alzheimer's Association at (314) 432-3422 or (800) 980-9080. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative brain disease resulting in impaired memory, thinking and behavior. The disease is the fourth-leading cause of death among adults. The Alzheimer's Association serves Madison County along with 37 other counties in eastern Missouri and western Illinois, helping more than 55,000 people affected by Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Across the United States, there are more than 4 million people affected by Alzheimer's and 20 million family members who are for them.

Alzheimer's Association programs and services are provided through the generous support of association members and community donors. For more information, call to register, call (314) 432-3422 or (800) 980-9080.

CORRECTION


In our advertisement on July 23rd, we inadvertently printed a headline indicating that all apparel and home fashions are on sale. This is incorrect. Only the items and categories shown on the page are on sale. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

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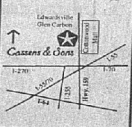


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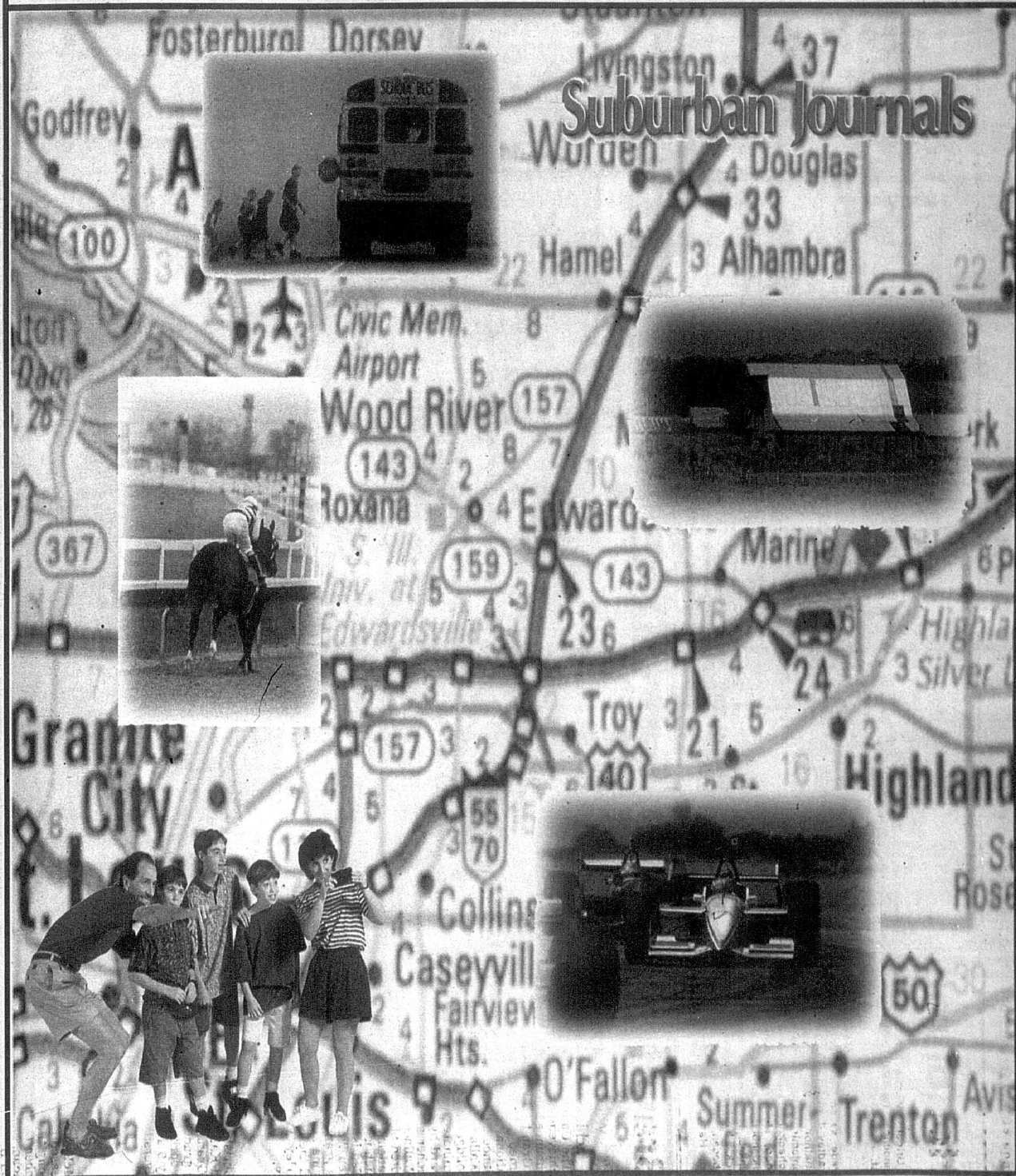
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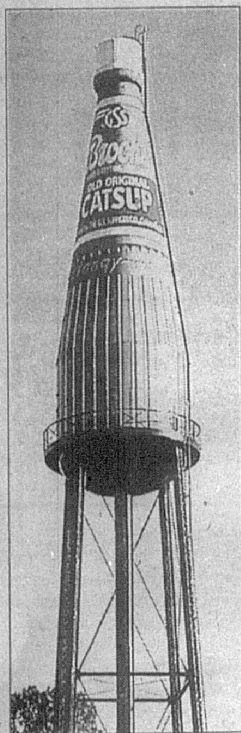
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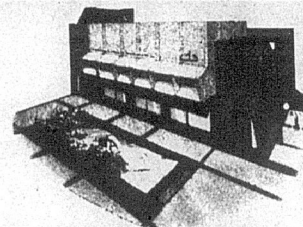
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Paper chronicles history here

The *Granite City Press-Record* has been the city's home-

town newspaper for almost a century.

It has undergone many incarnations since its founding

as the *Granite City Herald*. It became the *Press-Record* and moved to its present location at 1815 Delmar Ave. in the 1920s.

In 1944, C.E. "Corky" Townsend leased the *Press-Record* from E.E. Campbell and bought the paper three years later.

Herald.

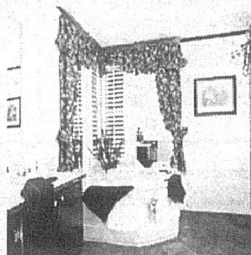
East Side Publications acquired the *Press-Record* in December 1984 when Gillette was dissolved. East Side also owned and published the *Dupo Journal*, the *Cahokia Journal*, the *Granite City Journal* and the *East St. Louis Journal*.

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Townsend began working for the paper in the '20s and would be associated with it for 50 years before selling it in 1970 to the Post Corp. of Appleton, Wisc.

The general manager then was longtime community resident Paul G. Halbert, an advertising official for the *Press-Record* since 1961. The Post Corp. continued operation of the paper until Gillette Communications Inc. bought Post. The sale included the *Press-Record* and the *Collinsville*

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Finally, the newspapers were purchased by the Journal Register Co. of New Jersey, and became part of the *Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois*, joining with sister papers in Missouri.

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Collinsville dates back to 19th century

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Collinsville became a village in 1850 and a city 22 years later, but its history began very early in the 19th century.

Its first cabin, in what was to become the original Collinsville, was built in 1810. The one-room log cabin, erected without nails, stood on

what is now the northwest corner of Church and Orient streets.

Augustus, Anson and Michael Collins came to the area in 1817. The name of the first post office was changed from Downings Station to Unionville in 1822. The post office was discontinued in 1823.

The Collins brothers had been joined by their father,

William, and two more brothers, William B. and Frederick, when the growing community petitioned for the return of its post office in 1824.

On Dec. 21, 1825, residents got it, but with a twist. Because there already was a Unionville post office in Illinois, the name Collinsville was chosen because of the number of Collinses named on

the petition.

Collinsville became a village in 1850, and D.D. Collins — who may or may not be related to the original Collins settlers — was its first president. The village became a city in 1872.

Schools, churches, the

railroad and coal mines followed. A brick yard and later a lead plant helped increase the city's work force.

That workforce included a growing number of immigrants — primarily Italian and Lithuanian — who came to call Collinsville home.

Collinsville Herald chronicles city's history

After Collinsville's first newspaper, the *Collinsville Argus*, ceased publication in 1879, 25-year-old James N. Peers began printing his own.

It began almost 120 years ago, in a humble building on South Chestnut Street next to Peers' residence. The *Collinsville Herald* was born.

Peers continued his work at the *Herald* for 27 years. In 1906, he sold the newspaper to the Collinsville Publishing Co., an organization of more than 20 local businessmen. After the sale, Peers resumed his job-printing business.

The sale of the newspaper was orchestrated by printer Louis A. Cates who had convinced the business to form a corporation and buy the *Herald*. A series of printers followed Cates in the *Herald's* leadership until in 1917 it was purchased by James O. Monroe Sr.

By 1922, the *Herald* had outgrown its Main Street plant, and Monroe built the current

building at 113 E. Clay St. in 1924.

During the 1930s, the Depression took its toll, wiping out Monroe's poster business. Shortened work weeks, a reduced work force and pay cuts for those who were kept on got the paper through its tougher times.

The *Herald* built an adjoining building in 1949 to keep pace with an explosion of advertising that followed the end of World War II.

Meanwhile, Monroe had become a politician, initially elected to the state Senate as a Democrat opposing Prohibition. As his new career continued — for a span of 30 years — his sons ran the newspaper. In 1953, Karl L. Monroe incorporated the *Herald* and became its president.

For more than 30 years, Karl Monroe was the *Herald*.

He covered events, wrote stories, oversaw operations and supervised a generation of

reporters who, like the readers he had cultivated, would never forget him.

The *Herald* was sold in July 1977 to the Post Corporation of Appleton, Wis. The Gillet Group of Memphis then bought the newspaper in 1984. Several months later, the *Herald* became part of the *Suburban Journals* newspaper chain. The *Herald* and the *Collinsville Journal*, which both published twice weekly at the time, merged.

The combined papers adopted a thrice-weekly schedule. Each week, the *Journals* publish Sunday and Wednesday; the *Herald* still publishes Thursday.

Monroe retired as editor in April 1985. He died Oct. 23, 1993, at age 78.

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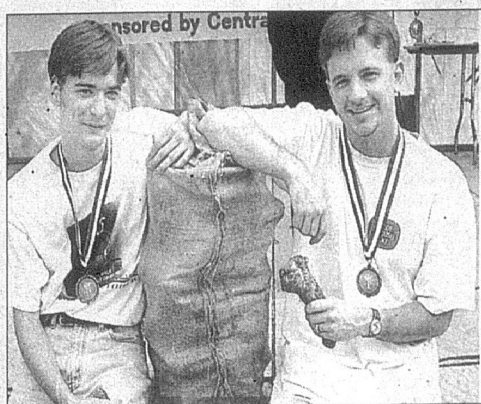
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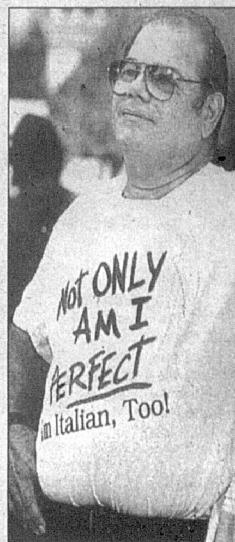


Above left, former Collinsville resident Andrew Perfetti of Georgia, left, and Mike Humphries of Mascoutah usually rank high in the root-sacking contest. Above right, the horseradish root balloon soars over last year's festgoers.



Salute to roots

Two annual Collinsville festivals pay homage to the city's "roots": the International Horseradish Festival, held in May at Woodland Park, and the Italian Fest in September on Main Street. The first recognizes Collinsville's status as the Horseradish Capital of the World, and the latter celebrates the city's ties to Italy.



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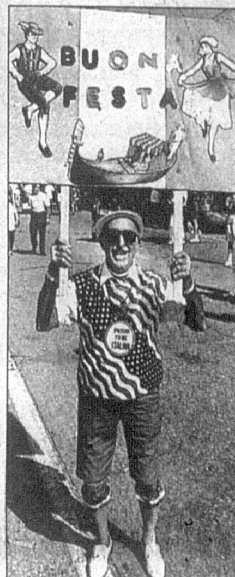
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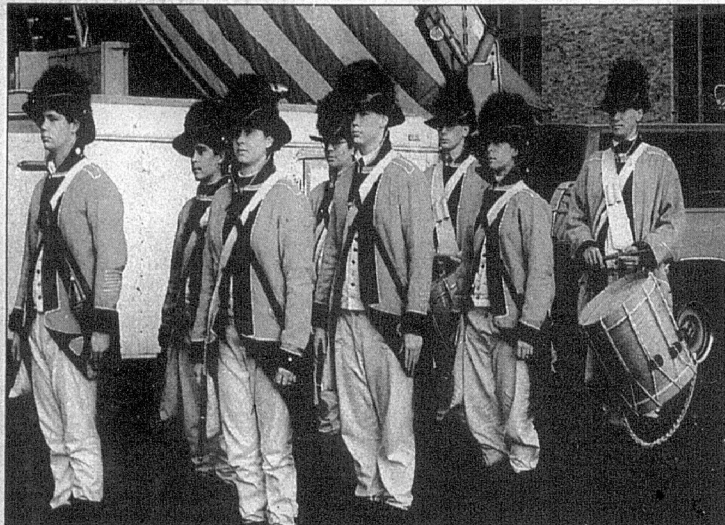
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Celebration

Granite City holds its Patriots in The Park celebration during the Fourth of July Holiday in Wilson Park. Above, The Casuals perform. At top, Larn Doty enjoys the rides. Top right, The Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps from St. Charles, Mo., get ready.



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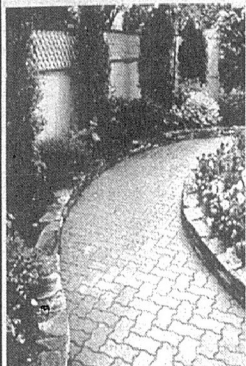
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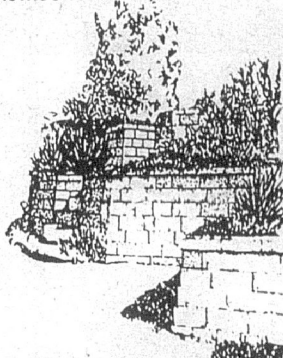
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Commerce — 200 University Park
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Authority — 1 Eastport Plaza, Col-
linsville, 345-3400

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Troy Chamber of Commerce —

Social services

Adoptions — 10 Collinsville Ave.,
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Catholic Charities — (including fos-
ter care), 735 Park Drive, Alton;
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Chestnut Health Systems — 50
Northgate Industrial Dr., Granite
City; 877-4420

1507 Troy Rd., Edwardsville;
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Children's Home and Aid Society of
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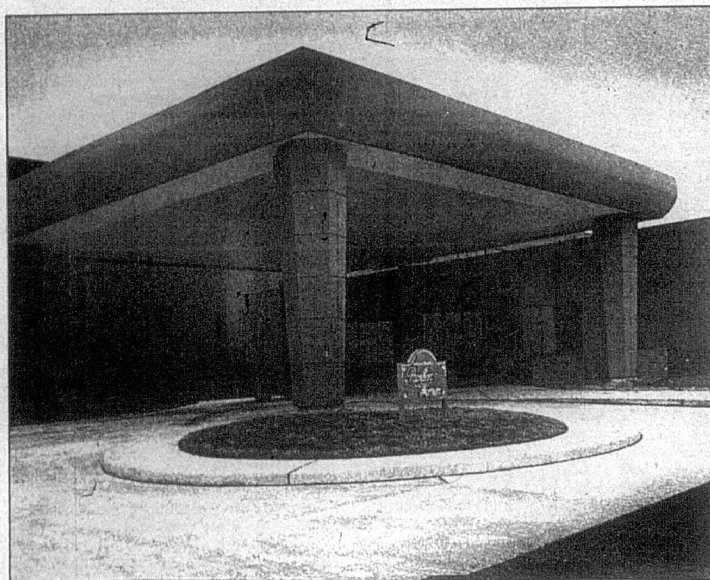
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Services, Granite City Field Office —
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Voter registration, Madison County Clerk's Office, administration building, 157 N. Main St., Edwardsville,

692-6290.

Women, Infant and Children Program — Illinois Department of Health hotline, (800) 545-2200

Libraries

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Lewis and Clark Library Systems — Goshen Road, Edwardsville, 656-3216

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Collinsville Herald-Journal and Edwardsville Journal — 113 E. Clay, Collinsville, 344-0264

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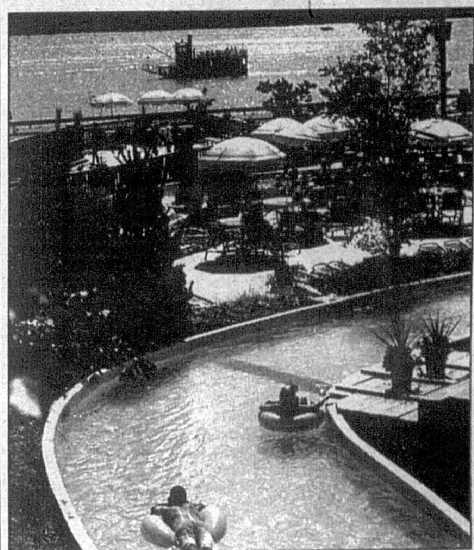
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Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ — 214 Harrison, Madison; 876-8184

St. Gregory Armenian Community Center — 3501 Century Drive, Granite City; 452-1915

Assembly of God

Assembly of God Church — 2620 N. Center, Maryville; 344-7656

Assembly of God Glenview Chapel — 3000 Maryville Road, Granite City; 877-3445

Collinsville First Assembly — 1105 Bell Line Road, Collinsville; 344-1000

Cornerstone Assembly of God — 129 Steiss, Glen Carbon; 288-6988

First Assembly of God — 417 St. Louis, Edwardsville; 656-6436

First Assembly of God Church — 24th and Grand, Granite City; 451-1200

New Life Assembly — 2730 Buxton Ave., Granite City; 452-4931

New Life Assembly of God — 8965 Illinois 162, Troy; 667-8548

State Park Assembly of God Church — 3129 Princeton Ave., Collinsville; 345-9250

Tri City Assembly of God — 3400 Maryville Road, Granite City; 931-4500

Troy Assembly of God — 8247 County Line Road, Collinsville; 632-4477

Baptist

Edwardsville General Baptist Church — 627 Brinkmann Ave., Edwardsville; 656-4681

Metro Community Church — Wanda, Granite City; 931-6267

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church — 800 Jefferson, Madison; 452-2737

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New Mount Zion Baptist Church — 307 Goethe, Collinsville; 344-2257

Second Baptist Church — 2100 Illinois Ave., Granite City; 877-4382

West 22nd Baptist Church — 2808 W. 22nd, Granite City; 877-8479

First Baptist Church of Edwardsville — 534 St. Louis, Edwardsville; 656-1008

Hillcreek Baptist Church — 2052 N. Bluff Road, Collinsville; 288-9832

Peace Free Will Baptist Church — 2216 Charles, Granite City; 876-4218

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ESIC University Baptist Church — 1000 University Drive, Edwardsville; 656-0680

Emmanuel Baptist Church — 1800 Pontoon Road, Granite City; 877-1539

First Baptist Church of Granite City — 2041 Delmar Ave., Granite City; 876-6373

First Baptist Church of Madison — 1665 5th Madison; 877-0567

Grace Baptist Church — 2600 Edwards, Granite City; 877-6672

Holiday Shores Baptist Church —

6521 Moro Road, Edwardsville; 377-7729

Southern Missionary Baptist Church — 921 Bissel, Madison; 877-1305

Suburban Baptist Church — 2500 St. Clair Ave., Granite City; 876-7404

Third Baptist Church — 26th and Grand Ave., Granite City; 876-7404

First Baptist Church of Mitchell — 608 English Place, Granite City; 931-4761

Meadow Heights Southern Baptist Church — 1498 Vandalia, Collinsville; 344-4982

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church — 195 West Country Ln., Collinsville; 345-0770

State Park Baptist Church — 3220 Harvard Ave., Collinsville; 344-3327

First Baptist Church — 2753 Myrtle Ave., Granite City; 876-8429

Landmark Baptist Church — 107 Meyer Drive, Collinsville; 345-8692

Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church — 900 Reynolds, Madison; 876-5860

St. Mark's Rectory — 600 Broadway, Venice; 451-1411

Catholic

Charismatic

Victory Lighthouse Ministries — 125 5th Ave., Edwardsville; 656-8020

Christian

First Christian Church — 1502 Vandalia, Collinsville; 344-0422

First Christian Church — 2900 Maryville Road, Granite City; 931-0095

Pontoon Beach Church of Christ — 4039 Pontoon Road, Pontoon Beach; 931-1317

Troy Christian Church — 114 S. Main St., Troy; 667-6968

Central Christian Church — 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City; 876-0532

First Christian Church — 310 S. Main St., Edwardsville; 656-7498

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Christian Science Reading Room — 128 N. Main St., Edwardsville; 656-3541

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Calvary Lighthouse Church of God — 1205 W. Pontoon Road, Granite City; 876-1446

Church of God in Christ — Congregational 201 Kiowa, Edwardsville; 656-1860

Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ — 127 Roosevelt Drive, Madison; 452-3812

God's Grace Church COGIC — 800 Bissell Ave., Venice; 451-1271

Maryville Road Church of the Nazarene — 4300 Maryville Road, Granite City; 931-2284

Eastern Orthodox

Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox — 1300 Grand Ave., Madison; 877-5444

Episcopal

Christ Episcopal Church — 125 S. Seminary, Collinsville; 344-2294

St. Andrews Episcopal Church — 406 Hillsboro Ave., Edwardsville; 656-1929

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church — 2200 Grand Ave., Granite City; 876-9097

St. Thomas Episcopal Church — Summit, Glen Carbon; 288-5620

Evangelical

Bethel Community Church — 2450 Stratford Lane, Granite City; 797-1010

Full Gospel

Free Spirit Ministries — 118 S. Filmore, Edwardsville; 656-1844

Full Gospel Fellowship — 2301 Orville Ave., Granite City; 931-2002

Fundamental

Shiloh Christian Church — 57 Sunset Ave., Glen Carbon 288-1850

Interdenominational

Greater Joy Family Church — 510 Garfield Ave., Edwardsville; 659-0788

The Mission — 1315 19th, Granite City; 876-7332

Jehovah's Witnesses

Jehovah's Witnesses — 3825 Blackburn Road, Edwardsville; 656-1216

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness — 2822 Palmer Ave., Granite City; 876-5870

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Lutheran

Concordia Lutheran Church — 2305 Grand Ave., Granite City; 451-9925

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School — 1300 Belt Line Road, Collinsville; 344-3151

Holy Cross Lutheran Church — 304 South, Collinsville; 344-3145

Hope Lutheran Church — 3715 Wabash Avenue, Granite City; 876-7568

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Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Foundation — 101 S. Pointe Drive, Edwardsville; 659-0730

Our Lord's Lutheran Church-ELCA — 150 Wilma Drive, Maryville; 345-5692

St. James Lutheran Church — 146 N. Main, Glen Carbon; 288-6120

St. John Lutheran Church — 2001 St. Clair Ave., Granite City; 451-7788

St. Paul Lutheran Church — 106 N. Border, Troy; 667-6681

Trinity Lutheran Church — 600 Water, Edwardsville; 656-2918

Zion Lutheran Church-Carpenter — 6409 Quercus Road, Edwardsville; 656-4492

Church of God

Church of God in Christ

Church of God of Prophecy

Church of God of Prophecy — 1732 Rhodes, Madison; 876-3064

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints — 3703 Nameoki Road, Granite City; 451-4834

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints — 2250 S. Illinois 157, Glen Carbon; 288-3193

Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene — 1701 St. Louis Road, Collinsville; 345-1661

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First United Methodist Church — 207 W. Church, Collinsville; 344-3824

Glen Carbon-New Bethel United Methodist Church — 131 N. Main, Glen Carbon; 288-5700

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church — 3025 National Ave., Granite City; 877-7027

Immanuel United Methodist Church — 800 N. Main, Edwardsville; 656-4648

Nameoki United Methodist Church — 1900 Pontoon Road, Granite City; 877-1936

Niedringhaus Methodist Church Parsonage — 3204 Harvard Drive, Granite City; 876-8098

Niedringhaus United Methodist Church — 20th and Delmar, Granite City; 877-4555

St. John's United Methodist Church — 201 St. Louis, Edwardsville; 656-1853

Trinity United Methodist Church — E. 25th St. and Henry, Granite City; 676-0723

Non-denominational

Abundant Blessings Church — 200 Collinsville Road, Troy; 667-2496

Alpha and Omega Christian Fellowship — 3301 Harvard Ave., Collinsville; 344-4091

Collinsville Area Ministerial Alliance — 201 E. Church, Collinsville; 346-1861

Deliverance Church — 1247 Klein Ave., Venice; 451-7729

Greater Glory Family Worship Center — 2 Cottonwood Road, Glen Carbon; 288-7740

Harvest Assembly — 4651 Illinois 162, Granite City; 931-4944

His Glorious Church — 217 N. Clinton, Collinsville; 345-0059

Immanuel Christ Way — 2137 Bryan Ave., Granite City; 877-1232

Son-Life Church — 1203 Vandalia, Collinsville; 345-4224

Victory Fellowship — 2801 Marshall Ave., Granite City; 877-1825

Orthodox

Sts. Cyril and Method Eastern Orthodox Church — 4770 Maryville Road, Granite City; 931-6465

Pentecostal

Apostolic Tabernacle — 1201 N. 2nd, Edwardsville; 692-1312

Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church — 2445 Ohio Ave., Granite City; 877-1618

Briarcliff Pentecostal Church — 1120 W. Pontoon Road, Granite City; 451-1555

Calvary Pentecostal Assembly — 4650 Maryville Road, Granite City; 931-4106

Calvary Pentecostal Church — 2118 S. Morrison Ave., Collinsville; 346-1999

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Victory Worship Center — 2601 Cayuga, Granite City; 876-4450

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First Presbyterian Church — 237 N. Kansas, Edwardsville; 656-4550

First United Presbyterian Church — 201 E. Church, Collinsville; 344-1109

Hope Presbyterian Church — 2227 Vandalla, Collinsville; 346-4800

Presbyterian Church First of Granite City — 2180 Delmar Ave., Granite City; 452-1100

United Presbyterian Church — 1700 Pontoon Road, Granite City; 877-4470

Roman Catholic

Holy Family Catholic Church — 2606 Washington Ave., Granite City; 877-7158

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St. Boniface Catholic Church — 110

N. Buchanan; Edwardsville; 656-8450

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St. Jerome's Catholic Church — 107 Wayland Ave., Troy; 667-6571

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Eden United Church of Christ — 190 Cottonwood Road, Glen Carbon; 288-4222

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Immanuel United Church of Christ — 5838 Staunton Road, Edwardsville;

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St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ — 307 W. Clay, Collinsville; 344-2526

St. John United Church of Christ — 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City; 877-6060

St. Paul United Church of Christ — 3277 Bluff Road, Edwardsville; 656-1500

St. Paul Evangelical United Church of Christ — 2103 Cleveland, Granite City; 877-1904

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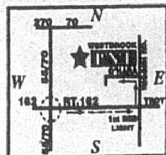
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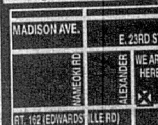
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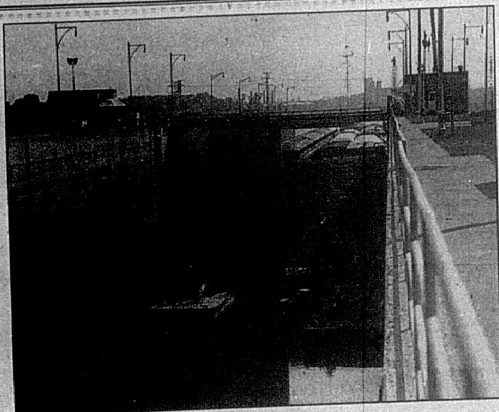
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This location off Illinois 3 at New
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the Pacific Ocean. The site, open
year-round, currently hosts a monu-
ment, but a multi-million dollar

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soon will be built on this important
location of Illinois history.

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At top, The Locks and Dam 27 in Granite City offers a great place to view the nation's commercial agriculture activity sail by. Above, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge over the Mississippi River will open again in September for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The distinct bridge is one of the best highlights of old Route 66.



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Old Six Mile Museum

The Old Six Mile Historical Society runs this museum at 3279 Maryville Road. The museum hosts memorabilia from throughout the Granite City area's history, including original examples of Granite Ware and historical records. Monthly programs are held from September to May with the exception of January. Stop by the museum for times and program information.

Horseshoe Lake State Park

The large state park off Illinois 111 just east of Granite City sports fishing, picnicking, camping, hunting, hiking and bird-watching at various times throughout the year. For specific information on hunting seasons and regulations, or fishing regulations, call the park office at 931-0270. Or stop by the park office

for details, or visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on the Internet at dnr.state.il/parks/parkinfo.

Locks and Dam 27

The locks and dam spanning the Mississippi River west of Granite City and below the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge offer a unique look at river barge traffic operations. Granite City is home to the Tri-City Regional Port District, one of the largest inland ports in the world. Renovations were conducted recently at the visitor center and overlook. Normal times of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Chain of Rocks Bridge

Built in the 1920s as a major artery across the Mississippi River, the Chain of Rocks Bridge will reopen in September as a pedestrian bridge connecting miles of trails

on both sides of the river. The bridge, with its distinct bend in the middle, spans a portion of the Mississippi where little industry or any other structures intrude on the sites of the river. Only pedestrians, cyclists and roller skaters will be allowed on this important part of the Route 66 legacy.

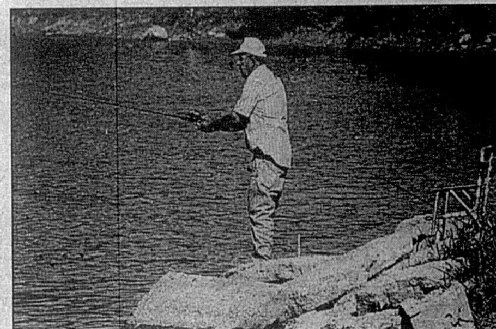
Tri-City Speedway

The local dirt racetrack has long been a staple feature in the Granite City area. It hosts, among other events, the World of Outlaws and the NASCAR Winston Racing series. Races usually fall on Saturdays. Tri-City is located one-half mile south of Interstate 270 on Illinois 203. Reserved seats are available by calling (314) 469-9666. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Gateway

International Raceway

The new Gateway International Raceway is fast becoming the attraction in Madison County and the Metro East. The racetrack is host to the Indy CART race Motorola 300, run on Memorial Day week-



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A fisher takes advantage of the fine waters at Horseshoe Lake State Park outside Granite City.

end; the National Hot Rod Association Sears Craftsman Nationals; the NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division; and special events such as the National Council of Corvette Clubs Inc. convention. Ticket prices vary, depending upon the event. Call 482-2404 for more

information.

Miner's Theatre

The Miner's Theatre, 204 W. Main St. in Collinsville, was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and recognized as a local landmark in 1993. It is owned by the Miner's Institute Foundation. The volunteer organization has lovingly restored the theater, which was built in 1918 as a meeting place and entertainment mecca by and for local coal miners.

Brooks Food Catsup Bottle Water Tower

Collinsville is home to the world's largest ketchup bottle. This 100-gallon tank stands 70 feet high on top of a 100-foot tower. It was once used by the Brooks Food company at its warehouse on Illinois 159.

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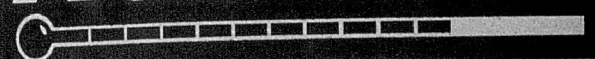
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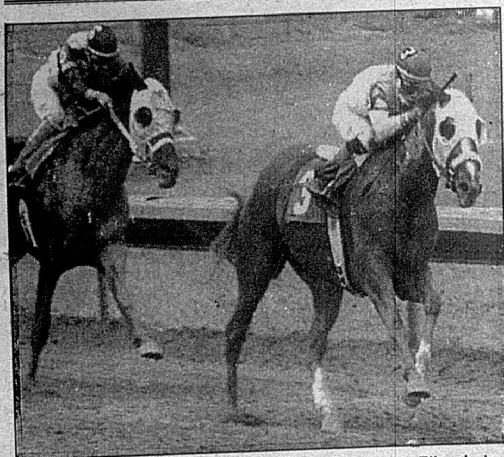


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Racing at Fairmount Park is a big attraction.

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interpretive center that was added in 1989 are among the Mounds many highlights.

Fairmount Park

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AL-ANON, for families and friends of alcoholics, meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the First Christian Church, 310 S. Main, Edwardsville. Call 463-2429. Baby-sitting will be provided.

AL-ANON meets at 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison (side door), Granite City. Call 463-2429.

AL-ANON meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City. Call 463-2429.

AL-ANON meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Medical

Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, in Kettler Center Day Care Room C. Call 463-2429.

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP at

Eden Village Nursing Home in Edwardsville meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday. There is no fee or reservations required.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the President's Room inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of care-givers and family members of people with Alzheimer's disease. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

AWAKE SUPPORT GROUP, for people with sleep apnea, meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Classroom 2 of the Physician's Office Building of Anderson Hospital.

BETTER BREATHERS, a support group for those with chronic lung condition, meets at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3118.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES offers individual, marriage and family counseling Thursdays at Our Lord's Lutheran Church, 150 Wilma, Collinsville. To schedule an appointment, call 344-8049. The counselor's name is Patricia Horn.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPSE PREVENTION group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123

University Drive. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 798-3888.

CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection, meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the King's House on North 66th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS, a 12-step program designed to help depressed people begin to take responsibility for their life situations, meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Edwardsville. Depressed Anonymous is meant to be a supplement to and not a replacement for therapy and anti-depressant medication. For information, call 632-6757 or 277-3788.

DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY meets from 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in the Milonski Room in the basement. For more information, call the DMDA office at (314)776-3969.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month in the cafeteria at Anderson Hospital. There is no fee to attend, and reservations are not required. For more information, call the Education Department at 288-5711, Ext. 447.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP meets from 1 to 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the President's Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3456.

DIVORCE AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by the Eden United Church of Christ and Hoytton Youth and Family Services' Family Care Program in Edwardsville, meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. All divorced or separated people are welcome. Call 656-9268 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for more information. There is no fee, but donations are accepted.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) **SUPPORT GROUP** meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams at 877-5172 for information.

LEARNING TO LEAN support group for families and friends of disabled children meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at Word of Life Tabernacle, 4870 Maryville Road, Granite City. Child care is provided. Call Gina at 931-6453.

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hospital auditorium in Belleville. Call 233-7750, Ext. 5860.

MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the main

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floor of Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3510.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 797-2780 or 451-0728.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets at the following times and locations:

- ✓ Tuesdays, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., Granite City; 24-hour hot-line is 398-9409.

- ✓ Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mark and St. Louis Street in Edwardsville; open meeting, wheel-chair accessible.

- ✓ Thursday, 8 p.m., St. John's United Methodist Church, St. Louis and Second Street, Edwardsville; open meeting.

- ✓ Thursday, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave.; 24-hour hot-line is 398-9409.

- ✓ Thursday, 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 207 W. Church St., Collinsville; open meeting.

- ✓ Friday, 8 p.m., Esic Baptist Church, University Drive and Esic Drive, Edwardsville; open meeting, wheel-chair accessible.

- ✓ Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive, Edwardsville; open meeting, wheel-chair accessible.

- ✓ Saturday, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave.; 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

- ✓ Sunday, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave.; 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 S. New Ballas Road, St. Louis. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information, call (314)842-7228.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, a 12-step group, meets at 9 a.m. each Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian Church, Illinois 159 at Church Street, Collinsville. People with eating disorders and with a desire to stop compulsive eating are welcome to attend. This is not a diet club, and there are no dues or fees. For more information, call (314)638-6070 or 344-6782.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at ESIC Baptist Church on the corner of Esic and University Drive. This is not a diet club, and there are no dues or fees. Call (314)638-8070 or 656-8834.

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets from 2 to 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month in Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3167.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Searcy at 482-2714, or Lyle Cubberly at 876-2382.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, meets from 8 to 10 p.m. the third Tuesday of each

month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information, call 452-2149 or (314)391-2230.

PEOPLE NEEDING PEOPLE from 6:30

to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in Classroom 3 of the Physician's Office Building at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. There is no charge to attend. The group is a service of the Hospice of

Madison County. For more information, call the Education Department at 288-5711, Ext. 447.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340 meets at Granite City Township Hall the second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., and refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and older are welcome. For information, call 877-3020.

THE COLLINSVILLE AARP CHAPTER 351 meets at 1:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Collinsville Memorial Public Library. Refreshments and entertainment will follow the meeting. Prospective new members are invited. For more information, call Gene at 344-7206.

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD, St. Louis Chapter, Collinsville Neighborhood Group, meets at 1 p.m. every third Thursday at Cross Patches, 110 W. Main St., Collinsville. For more information, call Shelly Roux at 345-3393, or Pat Davis at 692-9252.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 3101 Madison Ave., meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Call 451-5808.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, meets at 8 p.m. the second Tues-

day of each month. Call 931-3557.

BURT — BUBBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4964 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment. Call 931-8317, or write to the above address.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF GRANITE CITY will meet at Jerry's Cafeteria. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 452-5391 or 451-8914.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB of Collinsville meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Collinsville Public Library. For more information, call 345-4456.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL, Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter, meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, call Lisa at 667-8340.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB meets at Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., at 7 p.m.

the third Monday of each month. Call Beverly Zager at 254-9394.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month for a potluck at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

COLLINSVILLE AREA CAMERA CLUB meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Collinsville Area Recreation District, 10 Gateway Drive, Eastport Plaza, Collinsville. Call Pat Wright at 344-6664.

COLLINSVILLE-BELLEVILLE AREA GARDENING CLUB monthly meetings will be from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at 201 N. Church St., Belleville (Senior Center of Belleville Area College). For more information, call Dawn Cordle at 345-2194.

COLLINSVILLE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE meets at 8 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Kahokian VFW Post 5691, Collinsville. If you are a past member of the U.S. Marine Corps, you are welcome to come enjoy the fellowship.

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Hospice of Madison County at 798-3399.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets from 3 to 4:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City. The group, for men only, will meet in the church's Terrace Room. There is no charge. Call Roger Zollars, any evening, at 658-5438.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, meets from 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3019.

RECOVERING FROM THE LOSSES OF LIFE meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Maryville, 2184 Vadalabene Drive, behind Anderson Hospital. The group provides encouragement and practical guidance for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or who has experienced other profound losses.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month at 1307 Madison Ave., Madison. Group membership is open, at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

SHARE, a support group for people who have had cancer, meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in Classroom 3, Physician's Office Building, Anderson Hospital. There is no fee. Call the Education Department at 288-5711, Ext. 447.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month (September through May) at St. Boniface School, Edwardsville. Call 465-1463.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 877-1936.

STEMSS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety) meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and care-givers, meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT/ABUSE support group for nonoffending parents of victims meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 692-2197 for details.

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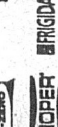
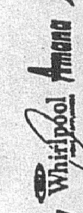
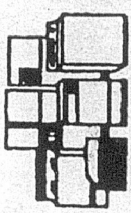
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COLLINSVILLE EAGLES AUXILIARY meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 940 California.

COLLINSVILLE HERB SOCIETY, a nonprofit organization, meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Jaycee Civic Center, 2016 Keebler, Collinsville, to promote interest in herbal culture and use through fellowship, education and community service. For more information, call 344-2214.

COLLINSVILLE JAYCEES meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month at the Collinsville Jaycees Civic Center, 2016 Keebler Road. The meetings are open, and the public is invited. Call 345-8448.

COLLINSVILLE LIONS CLUB meets at noon every Wednesday at the Collinsville Holiday Inn in the rear of Porter's Restaurant. Call Fred Crimminger at 288-5285 for program information. Call Terry Blegert at 345-3399 about membership.

COLLINSVILLE/MARYVILLE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE meets at 8 p.m. on Tuesday after the third Monday at 217 W. Main St., Collinsville. For more information,

call Kathy Shimkus at 344-0996.

COLLINSVILLE SUNRISE KIWANIS CLUB meets each Thursday morning at 7 at Schnuck's Station Restaurant. For more information, call Kiwanis President Tim Padgett at 346-3198, or Secretary Frank Klostermann at 345-0174.

COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNED CITIZENS meets at 7 p.m. every third Monday at the State Park Community Hall, in the 3300 block of Harvard, State Park. The CCC is working to improve the community of State Park Place.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY meets at 8 p.m. the second Friday of each month in Granite City. Call 876-7715.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Eagles Home, 2558 Madison Ave., Granite City. Initiation is held the first meeting of each month, and a social hour and refreshments follow the meetings. For more information, call Nina Jackson at 877-9808.

EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

EAST SIDE LIFE UNDERWRITERS

ASSOCIATION will meet at 11:45 a.m. the second Thursday of each month September through May for a buffet luncheon meeting at Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. East Side Life Underwriters are a nonprofit service organizations with members throughout the Metro East, including Edwardsville, Collinsville, Belleville, Fairview Heights, O'Fallon, Smithton, Cahokia and Duplo. For more information, call Chuck West at 344-8770.

EDWARDSVILLE KENNEL CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, Hayes Mallory Community Building, 216 Crane St., Edwardsville, open to public.

EDWARDSVILLE LIONS CLUB membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month at First Baptist Church.

EDWARDSVILLE MOOSE LODGE membership meeting at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

ELKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August. Call 931-3557.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHLE CLUB for seniors 55 and older meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call

877-0350 for more information.

THE GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Caseyville Township Building, 10001

Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights. Anyone interested in personal computers is welcome. For more information, call Mike at 345-2197.

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GATEWAY SOUNDS CHAPTER of Sweet Adelines meets for rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Collinsville Senior Citizens Center, 420 E. Main. Women who enjoy singing four-part harmony barbershop style are welcome to audition. For more information, call 345-4605, 345-1686 or 398-8853.

GLEN CARBON KIWANIS CLUB dinner meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the New Bethel United Methodist Church, 131 N. Main. Dinner begins at 6:30 with a program to follow. For more information, call 288-4331.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland

Boulevard, Granite City.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road. Call 931-0443.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

GRANITE CITY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB meets at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Call 877-1215.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue, Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7396; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

JUNIOR SERVICE CLUB meets the first Monday of each month at the

Jaycee Civic Center, 2016 Keebler, Collinsville. The club is a nonprofit organization, with the purpose of fostering interest among its members in the social, economic, educational and civic welfare of the community. For more information, call 345-5979.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, meets at 4225 Old Alton Road at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Call 877-4250.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE, meets at 4225 Old Alton Road at 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month. Call 877-4250.

LA LECHE LEAGUE offers information and encouragement to expectant and breast-feeding mothers. There is no fee, and no reservations are required. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month, in the Physician's Office Building, Classroom 3. For more information, call Dee Kassing at 344-1681.

LAND OF GOSHEN TOASTMASTERS CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Monday each month in the Mark Twain Bank's Community Room. Call Carolyn at 692-1687 for information.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, Collinsville Chapter, meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Collinsville Memorial Public Library. The public is welcome, and there is no charge.

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336, or Diane at 876-1360.

MADISON COUNTY COMPUTER CLUB meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month in the meeting room at Madison Mutual, Illinois 157 south of Edwardsville. Beginners as well as experienced computer users are welcome to attend. Members share information about new hardware and software, mostly for IBM compatibles.

MADISON COUNTY FAMILY ALLIANCE will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Milonski Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Call 462-4883, Ext. 104.

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the fellowship meeting room of the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 800 N. Main St., Edwardsville. Guests are welcome, and membership is open to all interested persons. For information about the society, call Elsie Wasser at 656-2299 or Marie Eberle at 656-1789; or write to Madison County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 631, Edwardsville, 62025-0631.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City Unit, meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month at the Anchorage Recreational Center. Call 876-7026 or 931-3735.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL

SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field, including attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information, call 465-4400.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, Collinsville Detachment, meets at 8 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Kahokian VFW Post 5691, Collinsville. If you are a past member of the U.S. Marine Corps, you are welcome to come enjoy the fellowship.

THE METRO EAST HOME CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at Our Lord's Lutheran Church, Illinois 159 at Interstate 55/70. Parents, licensed and unlicensed child-care providers, are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn Clasen at 656-0144, Phyllis Bishop at 667-2427 or Carol Henschen at 488-7956.

THE METRO-EAST PROFESSIONAL WOMEN meets monthly at the Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights. For more information on membership or the meeting, call Trish Engler at 667-1359.

THE MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB has regular dance meetings twice each month starting at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. The public is invited for dance lessons and open dancing at a cost of \$4 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

THE MUTUAL UFO NETWORK (MUFON) of Southern Illinois meets the third Sunday of each month from 2 to 5 p.m. at Winner's Restaurant, 9501 Collinsville Road, Collinsville.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NARFE) Chapter 1067 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450, or 452-3266.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For more information, call 931-2292 or 876-2209.

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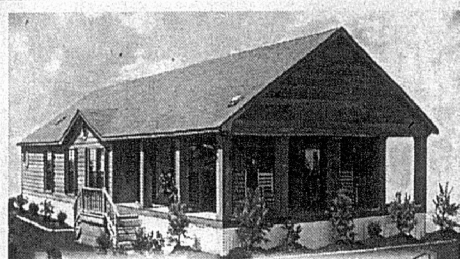
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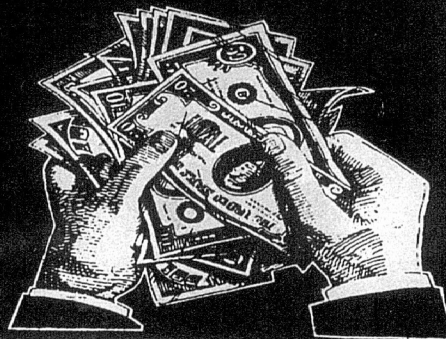
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